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COUNCIL 'FACES TOUGHEST TIME'

Report by Jack Averty

CANNOCK Chase Council faces its 'most difficult and challenging period ever', according to its leader, as its budget for the next financial year was passed.

Labour councillor George Adamson was speaking as he outlined the council's multi-million pound deficit and the need to raise council tax by nearly two per cent.

Between now and 2020 the council forecasts it will lose more than £2 million from the Government's downgrading of the revenue support grant for councils – plus another £1.9m in other Whitehall funding.

This is on top of the £1m a year it is set to lose in business rates in the immediate future after the closure of Rugeley Power Station – the region's biggest rate payer.

Councillor Adamson also revealed that a national reduction in social housing rents will mean the council will lose £75.8m over the next 30 years, damaging the prospect of future building programmes.

Under the budget, the council's deficit will rise to £2.3m in 2018-19.

This will be offset by working balances to deliver a balanced budget, but Councillor Adamson said 'it cannot be avoided that we face really challenging times in the next few years'.

Changed

Despite freezing council tax for the past two years, council tax will rise from April 1 by 1.95 per cent. This is an increase of 6p per week for the average Band D council property.

Councillor Adamson said the council had no option given its financial situation, adding that Cannock would not be alone in its decision to opt for the increase.

Speaking at a full council meeting he said: "The overall shape of the council's 2016-17 to 2018-19 financial plan has changed dramatically since cabinet made its recommendations. We face the most difficult and challenging period ever for the finances of this council."

The budget was passed with 25 votes for and seven abstentions.

The Conservative party opted to abstain, insisting they were happy with the budget for the next financial year but could not agree on plans for the following financial years, although they did not offer up an alternative budget.

During the meeting their leader, Councillor Paul Snape, said that they had planned to offer up an alternative that involved freezing council tax again and taking money from the general reserves where they believe there is a surplus.

But Councillor Snape added that these plans were abandoned when the news about Rugeley Power Station broke and accepted there was no choice but to raise council tax.

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HAYLEY IN THE SWIM FOR CHARITY FUNDRAISER

Hayley Padley with children Jack, aged six, and Grace, seven, at Burntwood Leisure Centre where she is taking on the Swim22 challenge

A MOTHER-OF-TWO whose son has diabetes is aiming to swim 22 miles in aid of a charity that helps people who have the condition.

Hayley Padley realised that son Jack, who was three at the time, had diabetes when he began pestering her for drinks – something which was, completely out of character.

Hayley, 33, who lives in Chase Terrace, assumed it was just a urine infection as she waited in the doctors for some antibiotics.

A few minutes later she was told her son had Type 1 diabetes and their lives would change forever. Three years later they have found ways to manage the condition, and Jack is lively, active six-year-old.

Hayley now wants to give something back to those who have supported her and her son, and has signed up for the Swim22 challenge, which supports Diabetes UK. The fundraiser challenges people to swim 22 miles – the equivalent of crossing the English Channel.

Nursery nurse Hayley, who will also be supported by her seven-year-old daughter Grace, said: "As Jack's mum, it has taken me a long time to accept this. The right care is paramount for anyone with Type 1 diabetes as it can and does affect other organs of the body, eyes, feet, heart if not properly managed.

"I came to a decision that I wanted to give something back to all those who have helped support both Jack and myself and want to make a difference to the constant research that is ongoing to help find that all important cure." Hayley has until May 22 to complete the 22 miles. She is taking on the challenge at Burntwood Leisure Centre, where Jack has lessons. To support Hayley's challenge visit www.justgiving.com/padleyhayley or text HKLT82 and the amount to donate to 70070.

CRIME

Exhaust ripped from parked car

AN exhaust has been ripped from a car in Cannock, putting vehicle owners on alert.

The vehicle had been left parked in Burntwood Road when it was targeted some time between Tuesday night, February 16, and the following morning.

Owners have been warned to keep their vehicles in as secure a location as possible, including driveways, garages and well-lit parts of the street.

Anyone with information about the incident should contact police on 101 using the incident reference 91 of February 17.

RUNNER

Mark smashes a marathon record

MARK VAZ has set a Guinness World Record by finishing 240th marathons in 218 days. The Penkridge marathon man smashed the previous best for most races completed in a calendar year with 147 days to spare.

The 32-year-old broke the record on Saturday after finishing the Dunstable Marathon, where he was greeted by the town's mayor, Councillor Liz Jones.

The runner now wants to complete 400 before his 365 days are up.

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POLICE

Break-in spate puts businesses on alert

BURGLARS have broken into restaurants, takeaways and social clubs across south Staffordshire, prompting a police warning to business owners.

The break-ins have been reported to police at night time in recent weeks.

Ronnie Turner, community engagement officer at Staffordshire Police, said: "Access has been gained via fire doors or by smashing windows in order to obtain cash, alcohol and any electrical items.

"Business owners are reminded to ensure current security measures are in working order and where possible CCTV to cover fire doors and windows."

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Amazon worker's £1k theft in a week

Neil Tuft leaves court

AN ex-serviceman from Cheslyn Hay stole almost £1,500 worth of goods, a week into a job working for Amazon.

Neil Tuft, aged 26, of Littlewood Lane, admitted stealing the items valued at £1,362.50 including a Tom Tom smartwatch when he appeared at Cannock Magistrates Court.

Tuft, who had spent seven years in the Grenadier Guards, serving in Afghanistan and the Falkland Islands, claimed he was struggling to readjust to civilian life.

He admitted he pocketed various goods before taking them to his car. The hearing was told how he was followed by security staff who searched him and his vehicle and recovered the items. Tuft was working for an agency at the time of his employment and admitted the offence to the police when the theft was discovered.

Mr Mohammed Khan, defending, said Tuft was 'struggling to deal with coming back into civilian life' since leaving the armed forces. "He was bitter at the way he was being addressed by his employer," Mr Khan added,."He cannot explain why he did it. He didn't know what he was going to do with the items and just thought he'd keep them."

During the hearing, officers from the probation service confirmed that Tuft, originally from Great Wyrley, lived with his grandmother from the age of 13 after his parents separated, after having spent a short period living with his father.

He attended Cannock College and got qualifications in bricklaying and construction before joining the Army.

He has been married to his wife for six years. They have no children. The defendant, who now works at a warehouse in Burntwood, was ordered to carry out 120 hours' unpaid work, reduced from 180 hours due to his guilty plea, and pay £135 costs and a £60 victim surcharge.

Leader warns of £1m power station impact

THE leader of Cannock Chase Council has spoken of 'major financial consequences' in the wake of the decision to close Rugeley Power Station.

"The announcement on February 8 [the closure of Rugeley Power Station] has come as a complete shock," Councillor George Adamson said.

"This is clearly a very difficult time for the workforce. It also has major financial consequences for this council and all its residents. The power station currently pays approximately £4 million in business rates," he told a meeting of the full council.

"The direct impact on Cannock Chase Council will be a direct loss of funding of just over £1 million. Our existing deficit will now increase by £1m.

"The council therefore faces a difficult transition period over the next few years, and our first priority is to lobby our MP and government to see if additional funding can be provided in 2017-18 and 2018-19 to enable us to cope with this shortfall.

Details

"Many other local authorities have enjoyed transitional funding allocations but, unfortunately, Cannock Chase Council has not to date. Our overall financial situation could deteriorate further since details of the Government's funding for the administration of the local council tax reduction scheme is still awaited, some three months later than last year's settlement.

The council's budget for the next financial year was passed at the meeting with 25 votes for and seven abstentions.

Despite Councillor Adamson's comments and the financial situation, this is the fifth year in a row when budget proposals passed include no plans for compulsory redundancies.

He added that 'this administration is doing all in its power to ease the financial pressures on businesses and families'.

● Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Authority has agreed to increase its council tax precept by 1.99 per cent from April.

This will see residents living in Band D properties pay 2.6p more per week, meaning a total annual contribution to the fire and rescue service of £70.33.

Revamp starts at riding centre

Work is under way at Cannock Chase Trekking Centre to provide an indoor riding arena and visitors' centre

CANNOCK Chase Trekking Centre is undergoing a revamp, 21 years after it was first opened.

The first phase will provide an indoor riding arena and a cedar-and-glass construction visitors' centre which will include a coffee shop with an outdoor viewing area where visitors will be able to enjoy watching the horses and views across Cannock Chase.

There will also be conference and training facilities, changing and shower facilities and an equestrian shop. Phase two will provide 46 new stables, with tack rooms, washing areas, laundry rooms and foaling boxes.

Work is expected to be completed on the site near Penkridge by early summer. The trekking centre is a popular attraction in Staffordshire and welcomes more than 17,000 visitors every year.

Planning permission for a new equestrian centre was granted by South Staffordshire Council, and now contractors have begun the work. Lisa Gregory, who set up the trekking centre, said: "This development is a long-held dream of mine. We already have riders coming to us from all over the country and I am sure our state-of-the-art centre will bring even more visitors to Cannock Chase.

"We have some of the most beautiful riding and walking country in the Midlands and our new coffee shop will be open to the public as well as to our riders. This will be an important development for tourism in the area." She added that she hopes the centre will remain open during the redevelopment work.

Backing for call to make changes in HS2 scheme

LICHFIELD MP Michael Fabricant has backed a campaign group's calls for further changes to be made to the route of the HS2 high-speed rail route.

HS2 Action Alliance has written to Robert Syms MP, the chairman of the Parliamentary HS2 Committee, to ask that its recommendations to reduce the speed of the line, the creation of a regulatory body to oversee the project and a commitment to plant two million trees be included in the plans.

Mr Fabricant said: "It is unfortunate that HS2 will travel through countryside so far unspoiled by man and destroying ancient woodlands.

"While we have seen a number of changes to improve the route around Lichfield including lowering parts of the line into cuttings, there will still be huge environmental damage," he added.

"For that reason, I have written to Robert Syms in support of the Alliance letter and hope that appropriate changes can be made to the legislation.

"I have worked closely with the HS2 Action Alliance, and their letter makes reasonable demands.

"I will continue to oppose the HS2 Bill when it is next voted on in Parliament."

But Mr Fabricant added: "While I recognise the need for extra north-south rail capacity, the line should either use upgraded existing track or travel along current transport corridors such as motorways to minimise the environmental impact.

"In any event, the route needs a major rethink."

Custody checking volunteers praised

POLICE & Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis has highlighted the 'vital' work of volunteers who carry out checks at police custody sites in Staffordshire.

Staffordshire's 44 independent custody visitors check on the wellbeing of people held in custody, making regular, unannounced calls to sites, including the southern area custody unit in Gailey, throughout the year.

Mr Ellis told the Independent Custody Visiting Association UK conference in Birmingham that the volunteers 'make a difference, not just to people in custody, but in promoting public confidence in the system'.

He said: "They are a key part of growing work that I'm driving in Staffordshire to get the public involved in holding police to account."

Charity draw at shopping night

A LADIES Shopping Night will be held at Old Wyrley Hall on Monday.

Organisers are promising 'a great night to shop for something a little different', and a charity raffle. The event at the venue in Old Hall Lane, Great Wyrley, starts at 7pm. Call 07557 336668.

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Review of rent levels for farmers postponed

FARMERS in Staffordshire have had a review of their rent payments postponed for 12 months.

Farmers who are tenants with Staffordshire County Council were originally due to have a rent review next month when they could have faced rent increases.

However, council bosses have said that they 'don't want to impose an extra burden' and have postponed the review. The decision to delay until March 25, 2017 follows a review of current trading conditions for those involved and will be the second freeze in two years for some tenants.

Gill Heath, county council cabinet support member for environment and rural affairs, said: "Our farm estate isn't subsidised and we charge tenants commercial rents, which is why the estate contributes around £500,000 a year to the council budget.

"But as a responsible landlord it's clear from talking to our tenants, and our knowledge of the industry, that times are tough and we don't want to impose an extra burden.

"Our management team will be visiting all those involved in the coming months to help, where necessary, their business become as competitive as possible in volatile times."

Spanning Staffordshire, the county council's tenant estate comprises 94 farms, with houses, buildings and 8,600 acres of agricultural land.

Some of the units are sized to encourage newcomers to the industry. Of the 19 units let to new starters since 2008 all have been aged 20 to 30.

Art project group produces mural

RESIDENTS from Cannock were among those who took part in an arts project which involved designing and producing a community mural.

The aim of the five-week scheme in Stafford was to improve the socio-emotional health and wellbeing of the participants. It was funded by the Community Arts Fund based at the Shire Hall Gallery in Stafford.

Five people from Cannock and 10 from Stafford took part in the project, which also set out to promote a Create and Talk art group set up by The Social Hub. The banner, funded by a bursary from VAST, a charity providing services and support to voluntary and community groups, charities and social enterprises in Staffordshire, will be displayed at futur events.

Centre offers free use of computers

ANYONE who needs to get online can use PCs for free on weekday mornings at Pye Green Community Centre.

Call 01543 462621 to make a reservation. Free car parking is available at the centre, in Bradbury Lane.

Funding bid for £4m heritage centre

An artist's impression of the centre

THIS is the vision for Staffordshire's new £4 million heritage centre which will house millions of records documenting the county's history.

The county council's archives service has lodged a bid for cash from the Heritage Lottery Fund to make the project a reality.

The plans will see a major revamp of Staffordshire Record Office in Eastgate Street, Stafford, with a new atrium linking it with the nearby Grade II* listed William Salt Library.

The space between the two buildings will house a browsing area, reception and access to microfilms and computers. There would be room to host community activities, family history workshops and exhibitions in the atrium building, which will face onto a revamped walkway between North Walls and Eastgate Street.

Records currently held at the Lichfield Record Office and the William Salt Library would be moved into the new centre.

A report by the county council's head of archives and heritage Joanna Terry said a decision on the first stage application was due in May. If successful, a second-round bid for just under £4m would then be submitted.

Letters of support for the bid have been received from organisations including Friends of Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Archive Service, Friends of the William Salt Library, the Diocese of Lichfield, Keele University and Wolverhampton University.

The Archives Service works with family history website findmypast to digitise more than six million records including parish registers, wills and marriage bonds.

Veterinary nurse was injured in dog attack

A VETERINARY nurse was attacked by an eight-stone Japanese Akita dog as she helped put the pet in the back of a car, suffering cuts to her forearms, wrists and back, Cannock Magistrates Court heard.

Susan Lunn lifted the four-year-old dog's hind legs after being asked for help by Amarjit Dosangh in putting the animal in the vehicle at Vets4Pets in Cannock.

But the dog then bit Ms Lunn before jumping at her. Mr Nick Hughes, prosecuting, said she suffered cuts to her wrist, elbow and back.

Dosanjh, 44, of Packington Mews, Cannock, pleaded guilty to being a person in charge of a dangerous dog out of control causing injury.

She told the court her ex-husband owned the pet, called Arshavin. The court heard how Dosanjh had originally taken the dog to the vets to receive treatment for kennel cough, for which a throat spray was given. The dog remained on the harness in the treatment room and when it was taken out into the car park.

Attempting to get the dog into the back of her car, Dosanjh laid treats in the car to tempt Arshavin to enter, the court heard.

Grip

However, as she was having difficulty, she went back into the vets for more treats and assistance. Ms Lunn offered to help and lifted the dog's hind legs into the car.

"The defendant thinks she may have touched his testicles, which meant that he turned on her," Mr Christopher Stapleton, defending, said. Photographs of the injuries were shown in court.

Ms Lunn had to clean up her wounds at the surgery before visiting Cannock Chase walk-in centre where she was given medication to prevent infection. The incident happened on September 19. Mr Hughes said Ms Lunn said the dog had her in a 'vice-like grip' and that she was was 'afraid he was going to drag her to the floor and maul her'.

Two reports were submitted about the condition and behaviour of the animal – one calling for it to be destroyed and the other stating it should be saved.

Magistrate Jean Reed adjourned the hearing for a third report to be compiled by the Crown Prosecution Service. She also requested Mrs Dosanjh speak to probation officers and her husband attend the case when it returns to court on March 11.

Oh deer! What are they doing here?

Deer grazing on the island in Burntwood, unaware of the traffic disruption *Picture by Susan Cluer*

THIS is something you don't see everyday – wild deer grazing on a roundabout in Burntwood unaware of the traffic disruption they have caused around them.

Eight of the animals were spotted roaming across the exit road of Morrisons by Susan Cluer.

She and her husband were leaving the shop on Wednesday last week when they noticed that cars had come to a standstill and people were getting out taking photographs.

Mrs Cluer, aged 63, from Gentleshaw, said: "In the 40 years I've lived in this area, I've never seen deer on the roads, so this was a real surprise.

"I wondered why the traffic was stationary and then I saw people getting out of their cars with phone cameras at the ready. There were eight deer calmly grazing on the traffic roundabout in the heavy rain.

"I just had to stop and photograph them."

It was in the evening when the deer were spotted.

Mrs Cluer added that deer have been known to roam into built-up areas in the Burntwood area.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Melody backing abuse campaign

APPRENTICE star Melody Hossaini is backing a campaign to tackle the sexual exploitation and abuse of children.

The former Great Wyrley High School student has joined several fellow celebrities in signing up to the campaign, including Match of the Day presenter Gary Linekar, Bend It Like Beckham actress Parminder Nagra and X Factor winner Sam Bailey.

The CEASE campaign – the Commitment to Eradicate Abuse and Sexual Exploitation – has gathered nearly 600 supporters since its launch.

Machinery store plan submitted

PLANNING applications received by Lichfield District Council include:

Hammerwich House Farm, Hall Lane, Hammerwich – agricultural determination: erection of machinery and equipment store.

Land rear 60 School Lane, Burntwood – erection of three-bedroom detached bungalow.

184 Cannock Road, Chase Terrace – single and two-storey rear and side extension to form kitchen, dining room, sitting room and bedroom with en suite.

Comments by March 7.

Readings will be available at church

HEATH Hayes Spiritualist Church is offering one to one, Tarot and Angel card readings on Saturday at the Cabin, in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, on the car park next to Tonic Spa.

Appointments are available from 10am to midday, and between 1pm and 4pm. The cost is £12 for a reading lasting approximately 30 minutes.

Call Joyce on 01543 579755 or 07773 398492 to arrange an appointment, which is not always necessary but is recommended.

Estate sets dates for two-day country show

A TWO-DAY country show is being held at the Shugborough Estate this summer. The Shugborough Country Show on July 23 and 24 will run from 10am to 5pm each day.

Now in its sixth year, the event will take in a sheep show, the Suffolk Punch heavy horse display team, birds of prey displays and a medieval village.

The Sunday line-up will include a Companion Dog Show with all proceeds from entries going to Marie Curie Cancer Care.

Group for overeaters

A SUPPORT group for people who have a problem with food is holding meetings in Staffordshire. Lichfield Overeaters Anonymous meets at Lichfield Library every Wednesday. A Cannock meeting is held every Monday at 7.15pm at Hayes Green Community Centre. Call 07850 516167.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES

THE One Show (BBC1) did its best to celebrate BBC3 being taken off air and consigned to the internet, presenting it positively as some dazzling new launch. It didn't wash. BBC3 is being launched in much the way that HMS Ark Royal was launched into a dynamic and vibrant new role in recycling. Or as we usually call it, the breaker's yard.

NOW, here's a moral dilemma. I wrote recently about AAA (abdominal aortic aneurysm) screening, designed to detect dangerous swelling of the major blood vessel. A reader says he refused to be screened, partly because if a large aneurysm is detected, the patient is asked to surrender his driving licence until the condition is corrected. What if his undetected aneurysm suddenly burst while he was driving and he wiped out a young family? If we opt to decline such screening, how much responsibility should we take for that decision? For example, should the NHS inform the DVLA or the insurance industry of a refusal? In short, where do individual rights end and social responsibility begin? Over to you.

FASCINATING research this week suggests that fat people see the world differently from skinnies. Because fat people tend to overestimate the size of mountains or the length of walks, they find exercise more daunting. The strange thing is that, although they think hills are enormous, they think pork pies are tiny.

"HOW VIP do I gotta get?" demanded Sir Paul McCartney when he was not recognised and was refused admission to a rapper party in Hollywood. Not exactly the Queen's English, is it? But what was the alternative? "Don't you know who I was?"

A FRIEND was holding his boat at the quayside when a sudden gust caught the sails and snatched the rope from his hand. He says the most depressing part, as he waited for the rescue vessel to tow his boat back across the lake, was to reflect on all the hours he had put in to honing his sailing skills to a fine pitch, only to see his little Mary Celeste sailing perfectly beautifully without him.

NO surprises in the news from New York where researchers claim that e-cigarettes may not be safe for pregnant women. If nothing else this might deter those vapers who think it's all right to light up in your home, producing vast quantities of sweet-smelling stuff that looks like smoke even if there is nothing burning. Have you noticed how the only people who think vaping isn't smoking are smokers?

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Order over troll's tweets to Collymore

A CARE home worker has been given a five-year restraining order for sending hundreds of abusive tweets to Cannock-born Stan Collymore.

The ex-footballer identified Taidgh Hughes after being sent 850 tweets, Bournemouth Crown Court heard.

Hughes, aged 25, of Christchurch, Dorset, sent the former Aston Villa striker images of Adolf Hitler, Jimmy Savile and Michael Jackson with Collymore's face superimposed onto them. The abuse culminated in the radio pundit receiving an obscene racist message about his mother.

In court, Hughes was issued with the restraining order and given a community service order. The court heard that Hughes hid behind a Twitter handle after his own account was blocked by Collymore. Collymore recognised a Tesco mobile emblem in the photos from previous tweets and trawled through Hughes's personal Facebook and Instagram accounts.

After Hughes was arrested he gave two 'no comment' interviews to police but pleaded guilty to persistently making use of a public communication network to cause annoyance, inconvenience or anxiety to Stanley Collymore under the Communications Act 2003. In 1998 Collymore infamously struck his then partner Ulrika Jonsson.

Mr Jason Spellman, prosecuting, said Hughes tweeted Collymore asking him to retweet an article about domestic violence awareness. Collymore felt the contact was 'sarcastic' and 'blocked' the defendant's account. As well as being sentenced to the restraining order, Hughes was also ordered to pay £145 costs.

Driver chased by police hit 149mph on M6 Toll

By Jordan Harris

A DRIVER hit 149mph as he tried to flee from police on the M6 Toll before crashing into barriers.

Video footage showed removals man Thomas Alsopp weaving through traffic before he smashed into payment booths. He said he only stopped because he had run out of petrol.

He was spotted by police during an operation cracking down on street racing on the A38, two days after Christmas Day, because he parked on an emergency vehicle access slip road.

The uninsured 24-year-old, from Leicestershire, sped away from approaching officers in his Audi A8 at 10.30pm, weaving through traffic and speeding through the villages of Minworth and Curdworth at twice the speed limit. He reached 149mph on the M6 Toll before crashing through a barrier at junction T3 less than 10 minutes later.

Banned

Commentary from police officers chasing Alsopp reveals how he was clocked doing 60mph in a 30mph zone, and veered onto the wrong side of the road overtaking other drivers.

He pleaded guilty at Birmingham Crown Court to dangerous driving and other other motoring offences, and was given an eight-month jail sentence, suspended for a year.

Alsopp, who was on a provisional licence, was also banned from driving for 18 months.

Pc Jim Barry said: ""Alsopp showed no remorse and said he had no intention of stopping for officers – only stopping because he ran out of fuel – and agreed he didn't give his three passengers any opportunity to exit his vehicle.

"In addition to his sentence, he will be required to take an extended driving test in order to obtain a licence and has been handed a Section 59 street racing order. If he is caught breaching the terms we will seize his vehicle." Alsopp was caught in the Operation Hercules blitz on street racing and anti-social driving.

Bingo! Jean celebrates her 100th

Goodyear Pensioners' Club member Jean Hassall celebrates her 100th birthday

A CANNOCK-BORN woman who still goes to play bingo twice a week has celebrated her 100th birthday.

Jean Hassall, who has lived in Wednesfield for 73 years, married George Growcott in her 20s, with whom she had her first child Charlie.

George died in his late 20s, and five years later she married Sam Hassell. The pair had four children – Lynne, John and twins June and Ann.

Sam died aged 53, and after his death Jean started regularly going to the Goodyear Club, in Wolverhampton, along with close friend George Kryska.

She never worked for Goodyear, but was an assembler at Josiah Parkes locksmiths in Willenhall until she was 60.

Jean is a member of the Goodyear Pensioners' Club, and to celebrate her 100th birthday, which fell on February 8, they held a party for her.

Her daughter Ann Curtis, 73, said: "They put on a lovely party for her and presented her with a bouquet of flowers and a cake.

"We had another celebration last Saturday, which more than 100 people attended, at the Ashmore Inn, by Ashmore Park."

Ann said that her mother still likes to get out and about, and described her as a 'marvellous' and 'strong' person.

"She goes to her clubs, goes to the bingo twice a week," Ann added.

"She is a very strong lady. Her strength has kept us going, we are a really close family, and she has kept us together."

Fundraising drive will get water to needy

CANNOCK Catholics are 'turning on the taps' and helping to provide clean and safe water across the world as part of this year's CAFOD Lent fundraising campaign.

In an added boost, all donations to CAFOD's Lent Fast Day Appeal will be doubled by the Government's Department for International Development up until May.

Meanwhile,schools are determined to 'make a splash' through a number of fundraising activities. Last year the people of Cannock raised £765 with their Lent fund-raising activities.

CAFOD's representative for Cannock, Julia Hood, said: "Lent Fast Days are such a great way of bringing people together and raising an incredible amount to help others.

"I'm delighted that the UK government is matching CAFOD's work for the third time – this proves how important these initiatives are for people all over the world.

"Lent is a time when we look to make a transformation in our own lives. In making this transformation, we aim to see one in the world around us. We therefore put our faith into action by ensuring as many people as possible have access to the basic right of safe and clean drinking water."

The money raised will enable the taps to be turned on in villages in Uganda, Zimbabwe and the Democratic Republic of Congo by repairing or providing water pumps and training in order to maintain them.

It will also fund education in sanitation and the building of latrines.

Witness plea on injured officers

POLICE have appealed for witnesses after three officers were injured while dealing with an incident in Hednesford. One was taken to hospital with leg injuries while the other two received treatment at the scene.

The incident happened at about 1pm on Tuesday last week.

Susi Turner, spokeswoman for Staffordshire Police, said: "Three officers were injured whilst dealing with an incident involving a motor vehicle in Hednesford town centre."

An eyewitness said she was going to the shops when she saw an unmarked police car pull up at a car park.

She said: "They went over to a car and one of the officers was standing in front of it when the car went to drive off. It was pretty bad. They swarmed on the car and pulled the guy out."

Tesco worker picks up national award

A STAFFORDSHIRE shop worker has won a prestigious national award.

Julienne Nicklin, who works for Tesco in the north of the county, won the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers award for helping members to access learning schemes.

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New owner found for Brantano branches

A NUMBER of shops in the threatened Brantano chain have been saved after being sold to a new owner.

The company went into administration on January 21, putting jobs in Staffordshire and the Black Country at risk. Stores in Cannock, Stafford and Oldbury have been sold to Alteri Investors along with a concession at a garden centre in Shenstone.

The chain's outlet at Crown Wharf Shopping Park, Walsall, was not included on the list. In total, 1,372 jobs and 81 shops and 59 concessions have been saved in the deal.

Robert Moran, deals partner at PwC, who led the sales process, said: "From discussions held over the last few weeks, there was interest from a number of parties, both trade and private equity, for the Brantano business.

"Of this interest, the offer from Alteri represents the best outcome for creditors and employees.

"We are delighted that 1,372 jobs have been preserved through the transaction and thank the Brantano team for working closely and collaboratively with us throughout what has been a difficult period for the business."

The administrators are looking for a buyer for the remaining 57 shops, including Walsall, and one concession. They will continue to trade while PwC is in talks with interested parties.

Lead administrator Tony Barrell said: "Unfortunately, in the event further sales are not possible, redundancies will become inevitable."

Centre's gift idea for Mother's Day

BURNTWOOD Leisure Centre is offering one-week memberships as a gift idea for Mother's Day.

The week-long pass will give mothers unlimited use of the centre's Inspire Fitness gym, classes and swimming pool. Entry to the health suite, which features a sauna, steam room and spa pool, is also included.

Councillor Andy Smith, cabinet member for leisure and parks at Lichfield District Council, said: "This is a fantastic gift idea as it offers mothers time out for themselves to relax in the health suite, or to enjoy a wide range of exercise classes and swimming."

The Mother's Day membership costs £10 and is available from Burntwood Leisure Centre's reception. Call 01543 308810 for more details.

M6 Toll is closed as deer spotted

A GROUP of deer caused the M6 Toll to close for a number of hours after making their way onto the busy road.

Motorists reported one deer on the road on Tuesday last week at 9am, before two more also appeared.

Reminder of home for wounded soldier

The back of the postcard

A POSTCARD from the Great War period reminding a wounded soldier of his Staffordshire home has emerged.

The postcard has a painting of Milford, to the north of Cannock Chase, and was sent to the injured soldier during the First World War.

It was received by Private Hade Baker of the North Staffordshire Regiment while he was in the military hospital in Ripon, Yorkshire, recovering from wounds he received during the war.

Dave Bevington, who grew up in Cannock but now lives in Canada, bought the postcard from an auction site and has since posted it on the 'Old photos from Hednesford, Chadsmoor and Cannock' Facebook group.

He said he did not know much about Private Baker.

Mr Bevington scours auction sites and catalogues as he collects historical items from the Chase and the Great War era.

He said: "I don't know anything about Private Baker.

"I just collect stuff from the Chase and the Great War era. I get the items from auction sites and collectors. This one I've only had a few weeks. People buy them for the historical interest and views but sometimes there is information on the back that you can follow up on."

When posting the postcard on Facebook, Mr Bevington captioned it: "Nice tinted view of Milford on Cannock Chase.

"This card was sent to Private Hade Baker of the North Staffordshire Regiment while he was in No. 8 Ward of the military hospital in Ripon Yorkshire during the Great War."

Shoppers' loyalty leads to record sales at centre

RETAILERS in Cannock have enjoyed record sales figures over the past few months as shoppers choose to remain loyal to the town.

Businesses located in Cannock Shopping Centre report that shoppers are reverting to smaller outlets despite trends indicating that increasing numbers of consumers are buying online.

Last-minute items at key trading periods such as Christmas and Valentine's Day are particularly selling well in the centre, say bosses.

The news comes in the light of a 24 per cent increase in 'local shopping' in 2015 compared with 2014 reported by the organisers of Small Business Saturday, who said UK shoppers spent an estimated £623 million at local businesses last year – up 32 per cent on the previous 12 months.

Certain stores within Cannock Shopping Centre reported a substantial increase across their overall department sales.

Holland & Barrett said sales of snack bags rose by about six per cent compared with the same period in 2014 while Ryman Stationery reported high figures on certain items such as diaries, which were up by five per cent.

Encouraging

Centre manager Natal Chapman said: "Our sales figures once again thrived across the board, showing that we're holding our own against online shopping and bigger destination centres. I would like to say a huge well done to all of our stores and we look forward to a successful 2016."

She added that the overall trends were 'encouraging news for both chain stores and independent shops which are located in local shopping centres and are often deemed to be the hub of their communities'.

Throughout this year, Cannock Shopping Centre will be supporting children's charity A Child of Mine, which provides help and emotional support to bereaved parents in the local area. Founded by Gayle Routledge following the loss of her three-year-old son Lewis to cancer in 2010, it offers practical information, guidance and a support network.

● Cannock Shopping Centre has launched its Design Your Own Easter Egg competition which offers the chance of winning a range of arts and crafts and Easter themed prizes. Young shoppers have until March 21 to submit their creative designs.

Show works its way to Cannock

The critically acclaimed production features the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons

HIT stage show Big Girls Don't Cry celebrates the golden anniversary of million-selling single Working My Way Back to You by working its way around the UK.

It will stop off at Cannock's Prince of Wales Theatre on April 30 at 7.30pm.

The critically acclaimed production features the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons.

During the 1960s and 1970s, No 1 hits Sherry, December 1963 (Oh What a Night), Walk Like a Man, Rag Doll and Big Girls Don't Cry saw the Four Seasons and lead singer Frankie Valli propelled to superstardom.

Show producer Michael Taylor says that Big Girls Don't Cry authentically revives the sublime harmonies of New Jersey's finest performers.

"There's a Four Seasons song that shares a special place in everyone's heart," he says. "Oh what a night of hit songs is coming to town."

Falsetto, tenor, baritone and bass four-piece harmonies perfectly recreate the dynamic combination of Frankie Valli, Bob Gudio, Tommy de Vito and Nick Massi respectively. Call the box office on 01543 578762 or visit wlct.org/Cannock/theatre

For information, go to Twitter.com/BigGirlsDC or Facebook.com/BigGirlsDontCry

NEWS IN BRIEF

Ball at Molineux to boost charity

A SPRING ball being held at Molineux next month will raise funds for the Cannock-based Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children.

Hosted by Rachel Bruerton, the event on March 5 will start with reception drinks followed by a three-course meal, live entertainment and a disco. "We expect to have a lot of fun and raise much-needed funds for Newlife and the dementia ward at New Cross Hospital," Rachel said.

Newlife has helped 1,157 families in the West Midlands obtain specialist equipment totalling £1,251,858.

Ex-pupil chosen for big bike ride

A FORMER Lichfield Cathedral School pupil has been selected to join the National Student Bike Ride from John O'Groats to Land's End in aid of Sport Relief.

Sam Butcher is one of only three students chosen by Unite Students to join their team of riders on the 1,052-mile journey from February 27 to March 9.

Sam, aged 21, from Tamworth, is studying business management at Coventry University, where he is the president of the cycling club as well as a working in a bike shop at weekends.

New group for cancer patients

A NEW support group has been set up at Stafford's County Hospital for people who have been diagnosed with bladder cancer.

Partners and carers can also attend meetings at the Post Graduate Medical Centre. The group will meet today from 6pm to 8pm.

Bladder cancer is the seventh most common cancer and affects both men and women. More than 10,000 new cases are diagnosed each year and the number is said to be rising.

Film nights to continue with American thriller

A CRIME film series continues at the Lichfield Garrick next month with an American thriller.

Following the success of the film nights' debut in February with Psycho, The venue will be showing 1968 horror film Targets in its Intimate Studio theatre on March 2.

Tickets are £12 and can be booked at www.lichfieldgarrick.com or on 01543 412121. Coming up later in 2016 are10 Rillington Place, The Black Panther and Henry: Portrait of A Serial Killer.

Warwickshire walk

CHASE Ramblers' outing this Sunday is a moderate walk of nine miles from Hartshill, Warwickshire. The meeting point as usual is Hednesford railway station car park, in Anglesey Street, for a 9am prompt departure. For further details, call John on 01543 677816. New walkers welcome.

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IN MY VIEW
with Mark Andrews

It sounded bearable with letter D left out

ANYBODY who has worked in the high-pressure, fast-paced world of breaking news will sympathise with the reporter for NBC News, who posted on the organisation's website: "Isis fighters are shaving bears and hiding in civilian homes to avoid airstrikes".

A couple of moments later there followed a correction: "It was beards, not bears." I think I preferred the first version.

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FIRST it was vinyl, now cassette tapes are said to be the next big comeback.

Across the pond, sales of music tapes are now rising so unexpectedly that the Recording Industry Association of America is now looking at ways to tracks sales once more, and no doubt in a year or two we will all be crouched once more over a ghetto blaster with fingers poised delicately over the pause button to cut out the voiceovers. Or borrowing records from the library to copy onto cassette. For personal use only, of course.

Now as you can see from the picture at the top of the page, I've always been something of a hipster, so it is great to be leading the way once more. And looking ahead, I think this year's break-out artists will probably be James Galway, Mike Oldfield and Demis Roussos. And maybe Roger Whittaker. Durham Town, what's not to like?

Then again, I've got a quadrophonic 8-track in the car. Trust me, it's the future.

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SO Matt LeBlanc breaks down in a Reliant in Cannock, while it sounds like the wheels are already coming off the BBC's new Top Gear before the first broadcast.

The problem is, it looks like the producers have approached the programme with the express intention of trying to maximise viewing figures by appealing to as many different groups as possible while at the same time trying to avoid offending anyone.

Chris Evans, a sort of politically correct Clarkson who hosts a nice middle-of-the-road radio show. But he's unknown in America, so better throw a well-known Yank in. A German female racing driver in a Venus T-shirt, that'll kill two birds with one stone. A black, bad-boy rapper, he'll appeal to another section. A racing driver? Need to keep the motorsport buffs happy.

Stone me, there's more stereotypes there than a Village People tribute act. And there's seven of them.

Well here's an idea. Why not cut the number of presenters down to just three? Three people who are not necessarily well known, but have credibility because they are seasoned motoring journalists. I know it sounds a bit risky in today's celebrity-obsessed culture where even the BBC spends its time desperately chasing the ratings.

But they did try it before. And it didn't work out to badly then, did it?

Memorial candles lit at the end of Birkenau railway line

The wall of personal photographs brought there by victims

The sixth-form students slowly file past a watchtower

Eight words summed up Auschwitz horror

Reporter JACK AVERTY joins schoolchildren from the West Midlands on their visit to the notorious Nazi death camp

"EVERY yard or so an SS man held his tommy gun trained on us. Hand-in-hand we followed the crowd…

"'Men to the left. Women to the right' Eight words spoken quietly, indifferently, without emotion.

"Eight short simple words. Yet that was the moment I was parted from my mother... For a part of a second I glimpsed my mother and my sister moving to the right.

"Tzipora held mother's hand. I saw them disappear into the distance; my mother was stroking my sister's fair hair as though to protect her, while I walked on with my father and the other men. And I did not know that at that place, at that moment, I was parting from my mother and Tzipora forever."

The educator cried, the children's heads dropped and it was as this passage was read out that the whole magnitude of what had come before was slowly becoming more real.

Innocent

This was the testimony of Elie Wiesel, who was transported to Auschwitz when he was just 15 along with his mother, father and three sisters. I was standing at the exact spot where Elie, his family and hundreds of other Romanian Jews, stuffed into a train carriage, were introduced to Auschwitz Birkenau.

The point where thousands of innocent men, women and children were selected to work or die. The air got slightly colder as I began to walk down the iconic Birkenau railway line. Then there it stood, right at the end of the disused line. It was nearly reduced to rubble now, only the bottom bricks of the structure still in place. But it was still recognisable decades on.

This gas chamber was just one of many used at Birkenau and other camps across Eastern Europe for the Nazis' evil. Elie survived the holocaust with his two older sisters. Their younger sister didn't, neither did their parents, neither did 11 million others.

Sixth formers from around the Black Country approach the railway line and watchtower

I was looking forward to this trip as much as one can knowing they are visiting the biggest known graveyard in the world.

The children from schools all across the Black Country and Staffordshire were excited as well. What are you expecting from today, how are you feeling? I asked a couple of Walsall sixth-formers on the coach. 'Nervous', 'excited' they shot back. Then the crucial answer, 'I don't really know what to expect'.

The Holocaust Education Trust had put the trip on, looking to educate the future about the past. There was plenty they wanted the children to learn but they had one clear objective, to humanise it all. This was genocide on an incomprehensible scale. But 11 million is not just a number. These were real people.

Our first stop in Oswiecim was the town's Jewish cemetery. It was a fleeting visit, an attempt by the HET to get us to start humanising the victims. We hopped back on the coach and were told it was 10 minutes to Auschwitz 1 on the outskirts of Oswiecim. You're aware of the time and that any minute now it will be coming into sight but it still shocks you.The children fell silent as we passed the outskirts of the camp and pulled into the car park.

The HET had assigned each group an educator. We met up with our guide, put our headphones in, and headed through the gates into Auschwitz 1. The first stop was the iconic Arbeit Macht Frei sign, translated to 'work sets you free'. The irony was lost on no-one.

You walk in one block and see metres of human hair that had been shaved off by the Nazi guards when the victims arrived at the camp. You walk in another and see hundreds of pairs of shoes, including those of children.

As we progressed through each one you could see the children were really struggling. Their eyes turned redder, their heads dropped.

Our educator Elie did a brilliant job in getting us to think more in depth about what we were seeing. Down the road at Birkenau there was a collapsed gas chamber, one that the Nazis never got round to destroying.

We walked in, my head at its lowest point. I looked up and saw the gap in the ceiling where the Nazi guards would drop the gas into the chamber. One student told me he could see scratches on the wall. In the next room were a set of furnaces where the guards would burn the bodies of those they had just gassed, after stripping and searching them.

Next it was down the road to Auschwitz 2 Birkenau where the main bulk of Nazi killing took place. The watchtower which sits high above the camp's gates has been featured in many a film, including Schindler's List.

Different

Birkenau is different to the first camp we visited, a lot of it has been reconstructed, but not turned into a museum. The centre point and crumbled gas chamber were poignant, but there was also a walk through the registration building where the prisoners were brought had they been chosen to live.

Here, in this building tucked away in the corner of this vast camp, prisoners were washed, cleaned, registered and given their blue and white uniforms. In the final room was a huge collection of photographs that had been brought as personal belongings. Seeing family portraits was heartbreaking.

At the end of a 14-hour day, but there was still time to pay our respects to the victims of these atrocities. There was a highly charged emotional ceremony led by a Rabbi, before every member of every group lit a candle and placed it at the end of the Birkenau railway line. Then, there was a minute's silence..

On the way back to Krakow I asked the children about how they had found the day. One answer really stood out. Shyan Duberry, 18, from Joseph Leckie Academy in Walsall said: "I thought it was going to be alright at the start as we were walking round but then I realised that's how they must've felt. They thought it was going to be ok, but it wasn't."

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Fundraising ladies night will be in wife's memory

Jason Guy from Cannock, Michelle Ebrey from charity Look Good Feel Better, and fellow organiser Natasha Edwards

A LADIES night will be held in memory of a woman who lost her battle with breast cancer at the age of 33.

Lucy Smith's widower Jason Guy from Cannock has joined forces with two women to hold the event at Shifnal's Park House Hotel on April 1 to raise money for Breast Cancer Now.

The 38-year-old Wolverhampton company boss has already raised nearly £100,000 for the charity in the past three years.

His wife Lucy was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer in May 2013 and was told it was terminal in September 2014.

The pair married in February 2015 and she died in June of that year.

Since then he has organised a host of fundraising events.

He was contacted on social network LinkedIn by Natasha Edwards, with the idea for the event, which the pair are organising with help from Michelle Ebrey, the regional coordinator for the Look Good Feel Better charity, which offers hair and beauty advice and workshops for women undergoing cancer treatment. Tickets cost £10 with all proceeds to Breast Cancer Now.

Lucy Smith, who died last year

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Appeal over site decision

WITH reference to the article 'Public inquiry to start over site for travellers' (Chronicle, February 11), the inquiry on March 22 is for an appeal against a refusal of an application made by Mr Jamie Jones.

A previous appeal made by Mr Lee, for a different part of the site, in 2014, has recently been dismissed.

I believe Mr Lee does not live on the site.

There are documents on the South Staffordshire Council website relating to Mr Jones's application.

C STONEHOUSE
Penkridge

It's a trek to post office

SEVERAL post offices in the South Staffs area have been, or are in the process of being, upgraded.

Wouldn't it have been nice if Cheslyn Hay had been able to have kept theirs, instead of elderly residents having to make the journey to Great Wyrley?

V BIRD
Cheslyn Hay

Move to alter centre's name was snobbery

I AM not a person to whom the feeling of anger comes easily, but when I read that the 'powers that be' wanted to change the name of our old mining college to The Town Hall I did feel angry. What swelled head snobbery.

We are a mining village, thanks to the miners, we have a school, a church with the first electric light, a row of houses, a sports ground (what happened to the money when the grandstand burned down?), a hospital, which was a lovely building, why couldn't that have been converted into homes? No, the miners built it, it's got to go.

A few years ago a suggestion was made to use part of the memorial gardens for parking for the college.

I feel that saying thank you and having respect are old fashioned now. Forget the men who risked their lives every time they went down the pit, some surface workers too.

Forget the men whose final years were spent trying to breathe when the coal dust had filled their lungs. Some of the men, now in their 80s, had no choice but to go in the pits, as coal was essential to keeping industry going.

There will be some children of these men who watched their parents suffer not just from dust but injury too.

I was born in Ironstone Road and have lived in Union Street for over 61 years and am proud to be a villager, not a snob.

Leave our mining college alone.

V GOLDER
Chasetown

Lack of conviction keeps camps going

IN answer to the letter from Fiona McGeough about the camps in Calais ("Nowhere in UK has people in such need", January 28) saying that compassion is not a zero sum game, these camps exist because the French Government lacks the conviction to break them up and apply the laws in place with regards to those who're genuinely entitled to asylum and the majority who aren't.

I also feel compassion, compassion for the law abiding lorry drivers who are forced to suffer intimidation on a regular basis. Compassion for the those at home who could benefit from the millions of pounds of British taxpayers' money forked out just to try and maintain the status quo in Calais.

As for 'people in such need in the UK', look at the figures. There are thousands of people who sleep rough on the streets all over the UK every night.

DAVID HOLLINGS
Burntwood

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Thanks for your kindness

I WOULD like to thank the kind person who reattached the Parliamentary poppy wreath to the Heath Hayes War Memorial. I was informed by a constituent that the wreath had fallen from the gates at Five Ways Island and had blown into nearby bushes. However, when a member of my team went to retrieve the wreath it had already been put back on the memorial gates with the rest of the tributes.

AMANDA MILLING
MP for Cannock Chase

Expensive way to get out of deal

RECENT reports on the future of Shugborough raise many questions, and I support a full debate on what is being proposed if Staffordshire County Council hands the house over completely to the National Trust.

The cost of this – £20 million-plus over three years – is a very expensive way to buy the council out of an agreement.

If the council is paying to bring the agreement to an end and put in much-needed investment for the trust to have little to pay in the future, this may be a good deal financially. The council is said to be saving £35m over 49 years. Nevertheless, the agreement needs to be open to public scrutiny.

The council has been forced into a corner by cuts and the cost of running the site, but the agreement does remove the only publicly owned major estate in the county from any form of open democratic control.

T FISHER
Stafford

What will we be left with in our town?

ANOTHER nail in the coffin. We are losing yet another of our employment landmarks – Rugeley Power Station.

What are we going to be left with in our 'mining town' with no working mines and now no power station?

I sincerely hope that the Government has all these closures covered because Rugeley is not the first and certainly will not be the last.

I would have thought it was common sense to implement the alternatives before you close the condemned.

This government has killed off so many of our industries – industries that had families and communities included.

There will be another memorial on the Globe island, no doubt. Might I suggest a large candle? Then when the electric goes off, we could light it.

JANICE WEIGHTMAN
Brereton

News of closure is not really a shock

WHY the sudden announcement of shock at the fact that Rugeley Power Station is to close? It has been common knowledge in the Cannock Chase Council offices for the past two years, and your local councillors including myself have known this was imminent for those last two years at least, although the exact closure date was unknown.

The annoying part is that it is by way of a directive by this country's lords and masters, the European Union, with their clean air policy, which their puppets, the so-called government in Westminster, must follow without question.We are not European, we can govern ourselves.

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Traditions and history of marriage

Chase Terrace Ladies

KATH Reynolds gave a potted history of marriage through the ages, called To Love And Cherish, and showed different cultures and their traditions.

Two members brought in an antique wedding dress that had been handmade by relatives after saving their clothing coupons.

Traditions state that many ordinary objects can foretell who your marriage suitor will be. Old rhymes also deduce what sort of marriage you will have from looking at the day or month you marry.

On their wedding day most brides still adhere to the tradition of something old, something new, something borrowed, something blue. The original rhyme also stated a sixpence in her shoe. Lucky charms are still given today such as horseshoes and wooden spoons.

During the Second World War and just after if you could obtain a parachute then a beautiful silk dress could be made. The 50s meant ballerina dresses were in.

The 60s led to even shorter dresses, while in the 70s there was a rush to copy Princess Anne's style of dress.

The 1980s saw Princess Diana wear 'that dress' to wed Prince Charles. In 2011 William and Kate got married and her sister Pippa got the attention for her garment.

Queen Victoria was the first monarch to begin the tradition of laying her bouquet on the tomb of the unknown soldier.

Saucy tales have guests enthralled

From left, Nell Gwynne, aka Lesley Smith and president Lynne Tuckley

SI Cannock & District

AT their 61st annual Charter Dinner at Chase Golf Club, more than 90 members and guests of SI Cannock & District were entertained by saucy tales from Nell Gwynne.

President Lynne Tuckley welcomed everyone, including Soroptimists from other clubs in the region, and the Mistress of Ceremonies, president-elect Carole Holdcroft introduced Maurice Partington, past president of the Rotary Club of Cannock who gave the toast to Soroptimism.

After an excellent meal Lesley Smith, curator of Tutbury Castle, provided the evening's entertainment. She gave a highly entertaining performance dressed as Nell Gwynne, the long time mistress of King Charles II of England. She told many humorous and informative tales and everyone in the audience was enthralled by Lesley's performance as she recreated the turbulent life and times of Nell who rose from being an orange seller in Drury Lane to the mother of a duke of England. A truly remarkable life.

Soroptimist Val Jones gave the vote of thanks to Lesley.

Guests are welcome at the Soroptimists' next speaker meeting on March 15 .

Birthday party celebration

Burntwood In-Sight

BURNTWOOD In-Sight was formed three years ago as a self-help group for local visually impaired of all ages.

The group has grown in number over the last three years, meeting monthly for activities, invited speakers, chat and the sharing of resources. Its committee are all visually impaired.

The group, which draws members from Cannock and Lichfield as well as more locally, has launched its own website at http://burntwoodinsightgroup.co.uk/

A celebration birthday party is being held on the afternoon of March 5 at Lawnswood Avenue, Chasetown, but anyone is invited to a coffee/information morning that day between 10am and 1pm.

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£9m project will help kick-start new housing

A £9 MILLION project aimed at building hundreds of extra homes and getting stalled housing projects off the ground has been launched.

The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership (GBSLEP), which covers Cannock and Lichfield among other areas, wants to help create at least 500 homes.

The Unlocking Housing Sites Programme aims to help reduce growing waiting lists for homes across the region.

Figures released in December showed that more than 1,100 families were on a waiting list for council homes in Cannock, including 33 people who have been on there for a decade. The district council has a long-term plan to deliver 129 homes over the next three years. This includes 65 council homes recently completed on the Moss Road Estate in Chadsmoor.

Difficult

Private sector housing developers and local authorities can bid for cash from the £9m fund to breathe new life into stalled sites which are ready for development.

Funding is available as a grant, a loan or equity to support mixed tenure schemes of between 10 and 100 homes.

Consideration will also be given to funding for site specific feasibility studies for proposed developments.

LEP chairman Andy Street said: "We know that there are many reasons why sites that have the potential to be developed sometimes stall and are difficult to get off the ground.

"It is an economic imperative that we quicken the pace of house building."

Councillor Mike Wilcox, leader of Lichfield District Council, said: "We're urging all housing developers whose local projects may meet the criteria to jump at this chance to get a funding boost to get stalled projects moving once more."

Full details about the scheme are available at www.financebirmingham.com

Callum serves up a winner

Competition winner Callum Hughes receiving the Young Chef award from president-elect Harold Bould

A CANNOCK pupil tasted success on a plate as he won the Rotary Club's Young Chef competition.

Callum Hughes, aged 13, of Cannock Chase High School, dished up salmon fillet with creme fraiche and olive dressing and a dessert of melon bowl with fresh fruits.

Youngsters aged 13 and 14 from Chase High and Kingsmead in Hednesford took part at the latter's Kings Avenue school. It is one of five youth competitions organised by the Rotary Club of Cannock.

The Young Chef contest is much more than a cooking competition as it involves cooking a healthy meal for two people in two hours at a cost of no more than £10. Contestants are marked on food hygiene, food and table presentation.

The competition also develops life skills in dealing with a demanding situation as they are preparing and cooking food in front of an audience of family and friends.

Menus prepared, and judged by the panel of Janette Arrowsmith, June Barke and Sara Page, included sea bass, jerk chicken, roasted chicken and pasta dishes. Any schools or youth organisations who wish to take part in any of next year's competitions or any other Rotary opportunities can contact secretary@cannockrotary.co.uk

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Safety message for young drivers

The modified vehicle is designed to have its doors removed and demonstrates procedures used by firefighters

A HARD-HITTING course will drive home potentially life-saving messages to young motorists in Cannock.

Aimed at 17 to 24-year-olds, it will take place at Cannock fire station where firefighters will give a presentation to the young people in a bid to convey the importance of driving safely and sensibly.

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The sessions will run from 7pm to 8.30pm on March 24, May 19, August 4 and November 24.

For more information or to book on any of the courses, call 01785 898506 or email Community Safety Officer kelly.mcculloch@staffordshirefire.gov.uk

Court closures criticised

A DECISION to close magistrates courts in Stafford and Sandwell has been criticised by a representative body for solicitors.

Law Society president Jonathan Smithers said it will 'serve to deepen the inequalities in the justice system'.

Responding to the Government's announcement that 86 courts will close in England and Wales, he released a statement voicing his disappointment and concern for the future. The Oldbury court is one of the 86 which will be axed to save money. Stafford Magistrates Court will also shut between October and December this year, with hearings transferred to Cannock.

Mr Smithers said: "We are disappointed that the Government is pressing ahead with the closure of so many courts. The majority of these closures will make it more difficult for a significant number of people to get to court, disproportionately affecting people living in rural areas, those with disabilities and lower-income families.

"Combined with increases in court fees and reductions in eligibility for legal aid, many of the closures will serve to deepen the inequalities in the justice system.

"We welcome that five of the closures will not be going ahead and acknowledge that the Government intends to make changes to its proposals for 22 courts following evidence submitted by our members."

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John and Josephine Shaw 'bumped into each other' at Penkridge Garden Fete in 1950, both aged 17.

Six years later they tied the knot at Saint Michael and All Angels Church in the village and now the couple, who enjoy dancing together regularly in Heath Hayes, have marked their anniversary in memorable fashion after enjoying a three-week cruise. Ex-miner John, who worked at Littleton Colliery for 35 years, said: "It was love at first sight." John left the mines in 1987 and went on to work for Cannock Caravans while Josephine worked at English Electric in Stafford for many years and later became a lollipop lady at Marshbrook First School for 27 years.

The pair, who are both 81, have one son Gary, aged 53. Both retired at 60 and among their favourite pastimes is to head to Heath Hayes Constitutional Club. The couple, who live in Marsh Lane, Penkridge, celebrated their anniversary on January 21.

The couple on their wedding day

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Top performers – Sonni Wilson and Coni Mae Cartwright of Ryu Shotokan

RYU Shotokan enjoyed great success in Birmingham at the UK Open Karate Championships.

Team Ryu took a team of five to the competition, and Coni Mae Cartwright, aged eight, bettered her bronze last year by taking the gold medal in her category, making her Ryu Shotokan's youngest ever UK champion.

Sonni Wilson also managed to top her group becoming the UK champion in her female advanced kata 16 years-plus category for the second year in a row.

Ryu Shotokan have now produced five UK champions in the last three years. Instructor Mike Carr and Nuffield Health (Cannock) sponsored athlete said: "I am truly proud of the team, some of our students were unlucky to not take home a medal but Sonni and Coni showed their class by taking home the UK titles. All the students have been working hard in training."

Ryu Shotokan train in Stafford at Active Arts and Cannock at Nuffield Health. Anyone who would like more information on training can contact Mike on ryushotokan-karate@hotmail.com or visit www.ryukarate.co.uk

Anniversary church in appeal for souvenirs

A GREAT WYRLEY church is appealing for photographs of events it has hosted as it prepares to celebrate its 50th anniversary.

St Andrew's Church, in Hilton Lane, Landywood, is looking for pictures taken at weddings, baptisms, and other occasions in the past 50 years. Several celebratory events are lined up throughout 2016.

By David Banner

Celebrations will get under way on Saturday, April 16 with an open day from 10am to 3pm looking back at the development of the area around the Quinton Shopping Precinct.

As well as an illustrated talk from Great Wyrley History Society, there will be displays, photographs, written memories of the last 50 years, and memorabilia, all focusing on the church.

The day will close with a 60s Night featuring live music and a 'bring and share' supper.

The following day, Sunday, April 17, there will be a special birthday celebration service with the Archdeacon of Lichfield, Simon Baker.

Other events arranged for the following months include a Back to Church service to which parishioners are invited to bring a friend. November will see the Christmas Fair, and to concluding the year of special events, there will beSt Andrew's Day celebrations November 27. with St Andrew's Day Celebrations.

For details about the year of celebrations, visit www.greatwyrleyparish.org.uk

Photographs and memorabilia of events held at St Andrew's should be sent, with a name and address to enable the items to be returned, and a name and address on the backs of photographs along with a brief note of the event, to the Rev Graham Horner at The Vicarage, 1 Cleves Crescent, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7LR or handed to a church warden.

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Staffordshire Police's drone is used to tackle a variety of crimes including poaching on Cannock Chase

Fears over privacy as the cost of drones falls

THEY are used for military intelligence gathering, professional photography and are even being trialled as a revolutionary delivery system by firms such as Amazon.

But now drones can be bought for less than £50 posing the question: do people know how they should use them? Sales of UAVs – unmanned aerial vehicles – have risen sharply in the last two years.

Maplin, one of the biggest drone retailers in the country, sold more than 20,000 in 2015 – double the amount it shifted in the previous 12 months.

While its priciest model at £2,900 is perhaps too expensive for most, the electronics specialist's top seller is a much more affordable RC EYE One S Quadcopter Drone which you can buy on its website for £59.99 while Amazon provides a whole range for less then £50, with some less than £20.

Drones are now very popular

Complaints

But the fact thousands of people are now taking to the skies with their new gadgets, some with cameras mounted, has inevitably resulted in problems.

Staffordshire Police has seen a sharp rise in drone-related calls.

The force confirmed calls shot up from eight incidents in November to 20 in December, while there were eight further incidents in the first two weeks of January alone, although they stated not all calls were in relation to complaints about them being flown incorrectly, and some incidents included thefts and even vehicle damage.

One man who has reported concerns to police is Burntwood resident Alan Crane, who said he has had regular problems with one particular drone. The 64-year-old, of Springhill Road, said: "It has been flying over the property, the gardens, flying over the road, flying over the lawn.

"It is the absolute indignant intrusion of privacy that annoys me."

The Civil Aviation Authority's 'Dronecode' advises that operators should be able to see the machines at all times and they should not be flown above 400ft.

Addressing Mr Crane's complaint Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Faye Casey said: "Patrols attended and located the owner of the drone. He was given suitable advice."

The force has its own drone which it dispatches to combat a variety of crimes such as tackling poaching on Cannock Chase.

Council weighs up road options

ESSINGTON Parish Council met to discuss plans to create an access road to the old Royal Ordnance Factory and the three route options.

Residents and the National Trust have raised concerns about the options which could see the road built near Moseley Old Hall.

Under the proposals, there would be a link road for the ROF Featherstone site which would cut across the fields south of Moseley Old Hall to create a link between Cat and Kittens Lane and the A460.

Options A and B would see the link road off the Cannock Road and join Cat and Kittens Lane, while a third option would need a bridge across the West Coast Main Line and then join the Stafford Road.

Parish council chairman David Clifft said: "The parish council concluded that both options would have a negative impact.

"However, route B would be more disastrous to residents living on the Cannock Road cutting through precious green belt.

"The parish council also discussed the increase in traffic that both A and B would generate and likened it to the current problems suffered on the A460."

He said the parish council would support option C.

5,700 vehicles seized in blitz on insurance

Big clean-up for the Queen

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling promotes the Clean for the Queen project with London Mayor Boris Johnson

PEOPLE in Cannock Chase are being encouraged to clean up their neighbourhoods to mark the Queen's 90th birthday.

Cannock Chase MP Amanda Milling got a helping hand from London Mayor Boris Johnson to promote the scheme at Parliament.

MPs from across the country are calling on schools, businesses and community groups to help tidy up their local area. Ms Milling is asking her constituents to join in with the 'Clean for the Queen' project.

Community groups including parish councils, residents' associations, Girl Guides, Brownies, Scouts and Cub troops have been urged to organise a litter pick or clean-up.

Ms Milling said: "This is a great opportunity to make sure we get the Cannock Chase area that extra bit neater and tidier in time for Her Majesty The Queen's official 90th birthday on April 21."

She will be supporting the Clean for The Queen at an event organised by the Friends of Etchinghill on March 5. Call 07792 814607 or visit www.etchinghill.co.uk

MORE than 5,700 vehicles have been seized by Staffordshire Police in a crackdown on car insurance dodgers.

Cars Behind Bars has seen 5,732 cars, vans, motorcycles, mopeds, lorries and even a tractor seized – with more than 2,115 vehicles scrapped – since it was launched in May 2013. Meanwhile, more than 135 higher-value uninsured vehicles have been sold off at auction with the proceeds going back into local communities in Staffordshire.

Police and Crime Commissioner Matthew Ellis said: "The crackdown on insurance dodgers remains far and away the most popular thing raised with me by people I've spoken to across Staffordshire and Stoke.

"Over 5,700 people have had to learn their lesson the hard way thanks to tremendous work by officers from Staffordshire Police who have tackled this with real drive and enthusiasm.

"Officers have been doing this important work for years, but now in a much more high-profile and visible way which has gained momentum."

Linked

Cars Behind Bars uses Staffordshire's automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) system that identifies those flouting the law.

Assistant Chief Constable Bernie O'Reilly said: "We are committed to this area of policing and on a daily basis our officers seek out and target those committing these offences. ANPR is a vital tool in our crime-fighting armoury, as all too often those who choose to drive on our roads without insurance are linked to other criminal offences such as theft and burglary."

The fixed-penalty fine for people who are caught without insurance was increased nationally from £200 to £300 in 2013.

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Shop girl enjoys high life with a millionaire star

FROM Cannock to Las Vegas – a teenage shop worker has been whisked around the world by millionaire sportsman Floyd Mayweather.

Raemarni Ball hit it off with the star at his Cannock show this month for which she is reported to have paid £600 for a ticket.

The 19-year-old brunette has been posting photographs of her adventures in the lap of luxury with the world's richest sportsman on an almost daily basis. But her family have remained tight-lipped.

At the former Dudley College student's home in Kirby Drive, Dudley, her mother declined to comment.

Instead she handed over a piece of paper with an email address of a PR company on it.

Whirlwind

And colleagues at New Look, where Raemarni works at the Merry Hill Shopping Centre, also would not comment.

But it seems the teenager, who calls herself Rmarni on social media, is not as shy as she continued to post photographs on her Instagram page chronicling the whirlwind trip.

One shows her living it up on 38-year-old Mayweather's private jet, another is selfie of the pair who are all smiles, while another reveals the pair in the back of a Rolls-Royce.

Raemarni met Mayweather at Bar Sport where he was appearing on a tour of the UK. She posted a selfie of the pair with the message: "Made me and my family feel so comfortable. Thank you."

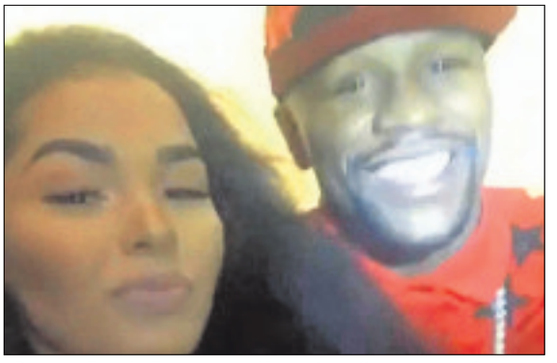
In one video Mayweather, wearing a cap emblazoned with red stars, has his arm wrapped around her shoulder as she beams with pride. Taken on the night of his Cannock one-man show, he says: "Tell them your story." While she replies: "I'm here with the Floyd."

"The one and only Floyd 'Money' Mayweather'," he says before she blows a kiss and the pair laugh.

Raemarni, believed to have been a performing arts student at Dudley College, is a budding entertainer who has put her songs up online.

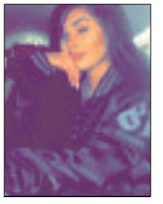
She has been accompanied on the trip by her older sister Relissa Ricketts. Raemarni is thought to regularly attend events where fans can pay to meet-and-greet celebrities. In the past she has been pictured with X Factor judge and singer Rita Ora.

Mayweather has been romantically linked to a bevy of beauties. He was previously married to Josie Harris, the mother of his three children.



Raemarni Ball with Floyd 'Money' Mayweather after they met in Cannock

The star in front of his private jet and some of his cars



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Fans pose with Top Gear pair in Cannock

The Tibbs brothers with LeBlanc and Evans

Sophie Morris poses with Matt LeBlanc

Matt LeBlanc with Megan and Macy Smith

Stars mobbed during 'pit stop'

WELL they finally finished their road trip – but only following a quick pit stop in Cannock after breaking down.

New Top Gear presenters Matt LeBlanc and Chris Evans were the talk of the town when they were forced to make an impromptu stop at the Orbital Retail Park.

Cue a stream of selfies and pictures with eager fans, who took the opportunity to get pictures with the radio presenter and former Friends star.

The stop-off came after LeBlanc's Reliant Robin, decorated in the Stars and Stripes of America, had broken down on Friday evening after over-heating during a 240-mile trip from Broadcasting House in London to Blackpool.

They eventually finished the trip in 13 hours – the same time it takes LeBlanc to fly from LA to London – arriving in Blackpool at 11pm. Megan Smith, aged 16, of Lakeside Boulevard, Cannock, and her 12-year-old sister, Macy, who both attend Cardinal Griffin High School, were lucky enough to meet LeBlanc.

Megan was working at Boots in the retail park on Friday but just before finishing her shift she noticed Top Gear staff come into the store.

Chatty

She said: "I saw the recovery vehicle and then saw Matt standing outside the KFC while Chris was inside asleep at the time. His car had overheated.

"I phoned mum and my sister to come down because she is a huge Friends fan and loves Joey.

"He was really a nice person. Very chatty and friendly. My sister is still on cloud nine."

Sophie Morris, 19, from Burntwood, was working in KFC when the two stars suddenly arrived at the counter and agreed to pose for a few selfies. She said: "It was very random to have two celebrities like that come into our work.

"I felt a bit bad asking for a selfie because Matt LeBlanc was eating a burger at the time but they were both happy to do it."

Karen Tibbs, from Great Wyrley, also managed to get a snap of her two sons with stars.

Evans, when told by Twitter followers he was now front page news in the Chronicle's sister paper, the Express & Star, seemed delighted, tweeting: "Yes!".

LeBlanc had also tweeted ahead of filming, calling the Top Gear crew a 'great group of lunatics'.

Formula 1 commentator Eddie Jordan, German racing driver Sabine Schmitz, motoring journalist Chris Harris and car reviewer Rory Reid also form part of the programme's new look line up.

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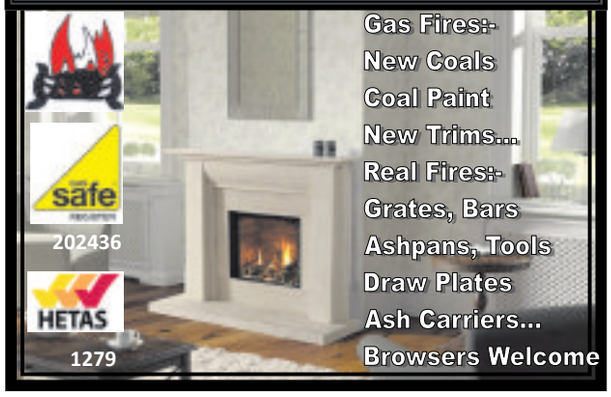

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Green man in PCC bid

A PROMINENT countryside campaigner has been chosen by the Green Party to contest the position of Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire in the May election. Paul Woodhead has led the protest against the sale and privatisation of public land by Staffordshire County Council over the past year. The county's PCC, Matthw Ellis, who took over in 2012 after beating Labour's Joy Garner, will stand again.

Mr Woodhead

Increase in the number of jobless claimants

THE number of people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance in Cannock and Stafford has risen, bucking the county's trend which has seen figures fall.

The number out of work in Staffordshire fell by 303 to 4,167 from October to December. Nationally it was down by 60,000 to 1.69 million, according to figures supplied by the Office for National Statistics.

By John Corser

But in Stafford, 10 more people signed on, taking the total people on Jobseeker's to 535, and in Cannock three more people signed up, taking the total up to 692.

South Staffordshire saw nine more claimants, taking the total up to 676.

Lichfield saw 91 fewer claimants, at 289.

Councillor Mark Winnington, Staffordshire County Council's cabinet member for economy, said: "This has been a successful year throughout, with JSA claimant figures consistently around one per cent or below.

Strength

"We have hit a record low in terms of the number of people claiming in Staffordshire and we are confident this trend can continue.

"The ongoing success of big business like Jaguar Land Rover has been complemented by the strength of small and medium sized enterprises and a growth in start-ups.

"With major investment in the county, continued development and a successful mix of business we can look forward to a bright 2016."

Wolverhampton also bucked the trend for fewer people claiming Jobseeker's Allowance with the number claiming in the city up by 543 to 6,433 or four per cent of the working population – the highest rate in the West Midlands.

Nationally a record number of people – 31.4 million – are in work with unemployment at its lowest rate for a decade, new figures have shown.

The number of people on the claimant count, including Jobseeker's Allowance, fell by 14,800 last month to 760,200 – the lowest since the summer of 1975.

The ONS data also showed a record 776,000 job vacancies across the economy after a 23,000 increase in the latest quarter.

Average earnings increased by 1.9 per cent in the year to December – 0.2 per cent down on the previous month.

Work and Pensions Secretary Iain Duncan Smith said: "February is another record- breaking month, with the employment rate now at the highest it has ever been and wages continuing to grow.

"At a time when we are seeing the number of workless households at its lowest ever, this is further proof that our economic and welfare reforms are delivering more security and providing opportunities that give families the best chance in life."

Veterans invited to help mark 25 years since war

THE Staffordshire Regimental Association is to commemorate the 25th anniversary of the military engagements in the Gulf War this weekend.

Operation Granby took place from September 1990 until March 1991, and more than 50,000 troops were deployed to the region.

It took its name from the Marquis of Granby, who was a commander during the Seven Years War in the 18th Century.

Before deployment, the 1st Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment was training for Northern Ireland, but quickly refocused on the new operation. When war became inevitable, the Adjutant of the battalion was swamped with calls from ex-Staffords offering their services, with many just turning up at regimental headquarters.

Now, the association is marking the anniversary with a service of commemoration at the National Memorial Arboretum, a regimental dinner, an all-ranks lunch and a get-together in Lichfield, on Saturday.

The following day, the Gulf War Memorial Trust will be unveiling an Operation Granby Memorial at the arboretum. Members of the regimental association have been invited to attend.

I'm not done yet says marathon man Mark

Mark Vaz stops off at St Michael's Church, Penkridge, on his way to completing his marathon effort

HE may have smashed a world record but Penkridge marathon man Mark Vaz says he feels like his challenge is only half finished.

He completed his 240th marathon on Saturday to reach the most 26.2-mile runs completed by one runner in a calendar year. His world record breaking feat was achieved after taking part in the Dunstable Marathon.

But rather than resting on his laurels he now wants to complete 400 before the 365 days are up. Mark, who grew up in Shrewsbury after being adopted, is pushing himself to the limit for Adoption UK.

"People keep congratulating me on the record but I feel like I'm sitting in a room that has been half wallpapered," said Mark, who works as a fitness trainer and window cleaner.

"Everyone keeps coming in to say how great it is but I know there is still more work to be done."

Mark also wants to run four marathons in 24 hours and then 50 marathons in 50 states in 25 days. Perhaps his biggest challenge will be trying to out-do Andrew Rivvet, who ran from Land's End to John O' Groats in nine days, two hours and 26 minutes, on March 24 – a record which has stood since 2001.

Steve O'Brien, who has coached Mark for the last year, said: "Biomechanically, he's just built differently to anyone else. The American challenge is a no brainer and he can definitely to that one but the Land's End to John O'Groats run will be the hardest yet."

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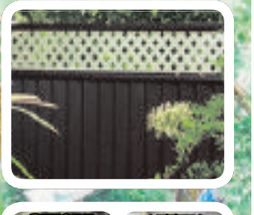

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Fears on state of roads as workers facing axe

HIGHWAYS workers face in Staffordshire face being axed – prompting concerns over the future state of the roads.

Amey, which has a 10-year contract with the county council to maintain roads, confirmed it was reviewing staffing levels and was in consultation with workers.

The firm has stated it will focus on more preventative measures and the use of technology, including a 'pothole zapper'. The firm also aims to provide better customer service. Despite Amey operating dozens of multi-million pound highways contracts throughout the UK, the company confirmed that job losses were only being considered in Staffordshire.

It was unable to say how many jobs were likely to be affected at this stage.

Spokesman Alistair Duncan said: "Amey's contract with Staffordshire County Council began in October 2014.

Awful

"We are now concentrating much more on preventative aspects of road maintenance, better asset management and the use of new technology. This is a more efficient way of working."

Cannock Chase Council leader George Adamson felt the current level of service could not be maintained with fewer staff.

He said: "You know when you are coming into Staffordshire just by the state of the roads. They are abysmal. The road surface is awful. Now highways staff are going to be made redundant. I can't see how things are going to get any better."

The company's contract in Staffordshire is worth £80million a year and is set to run until 2024.

County Councillor Mark Deaville, cabinet support member for highways and transport, said: "As part of the county council's contract award to Amey in October 2014, Amey agreed to deliver better value for money for taxpayers not from cuts to council budgets, but through initiatives such as better use of new technology."

Pressing on with move

Councillor Alcott with Robin Burton and general manager Daniel Burton

A CANNOCK firm had a pressing engagement when it moved to new premises.

RSD Pressings Ltd (formerly C& H Howe) relocated to a larger facility at Watling Street from Progress Drive, with help from the district council.

The presswork and projection welding engineers are a long-established business and have made a significant financial investment in its relocation to a purpose-built 3,000 sq m premises.

It now has plenty of space to grow and expand and is looking at creating an additional 10 jobs. The council helped by giving the firm discretionary business rate relief, a scheme aimed at helping businesses in the district grow.

Councillor Gordon Alcott, economic development and planning portfolio holder said: "RSD Pressings Ltd have received support for their expansion which has created extra capacity to produce additional work at their new premises in Cannock and create 10 new jobs."

RSD Pressings Ltd managing director Robin Burton said: "Our expansion has been accelerated as a direct result of this programme run by Cannock Chase Council."

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Star treatment for young fundraiser

Rosanna Ogden, aged six, on one of her Super Sixtastic Swims, is joined by Zoe Cooper at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre

FORMER British champion Zoe Cooper lent a hand to six-year-old Rosanna Ogden's charity efforts before honouring her for her dedication to swimming and fundraising.

The swimming superstar teamed up with Rosanna, who overcame a life-threatening heart tumour as a baby by learning to swim, after being invited to join in with her Super Sixtastic Half-Term Challenge at Cheslyn Hay Leisure Centre. Rosanna, who has been inspired by watching Zoe perform with Aquabatique – the group that reached the finals of Britain's Got Talent and have since performed all over the world on film and TV – was 'thrilled' when the 28-year-old got on board with the charity one- mile swim.

Rosanna set herself a target of swimming six miles in six days in aid of the When You Wish Upon A Star charity. Her proud mother Sanam said: "Rosanna is thrilled that Zoe agreed to join her for the Sixtastic challenge."

After the swim Zoe, who works with the Swimming Teachers Association at its base in Walsall, presented Rosanna with the association's Roll of Honour award to mark her outstanding swimming and fundraising efforts. Rosanna, from Lancashire, is the youngest ever recipient of the award and completed her charity mile in 50 minutes.

Government urged to act on housing shortage

CANNOCK Chase Council's leader has pleaded with the Government to build more social housing in his borough, warning that the area faces a crisis.

Councillor George Adamson says a reduction in social housing rents means his council will lose £75.8 million from its 30-year home building programme.

By Jack Averty

The reduction in resources mean the council can build only 113 homes out of its previously promised 168, he said.

It comes as the housing waiting list which stands at 1,198 is expected to continue to rise, and the council does not have the provisions to build more homes to meet the demand.

Labour's shadow chancellor, John McDonnell, has echoed Councillor Adamson's call for Prime Minster David Cameron's administration to build more social housing in the area.

Councillor Adamson said: "We're very worried.

"In 2014 the Government agreed a 30-year business plan with us but after the election they reversed their policy, massively reducing the income, which means we can't build any more new council houses than the ones we have already agreed to do. We've got a massive housing list, and it's going to get bigger and bigger, and we're just not going to be able to cope with it.

"The solution lies with getting the Government to build new social housing but they don't seem to want to do it. My worry is that a lot of homeless people are going to be stuck in bed and breakfasts or unsatisfactory private rented properties.

"They won't let us raise rents, and that's the only way we can raise income to build new council houses. We're not allowed to use council tax to do it."

Councillor Adamson was out door knocking in Hednesford last week with Mr McDonnell, who said: "The main problem that we're facing at the moment is that we've got a government that doesn't seem to care for areas like this."

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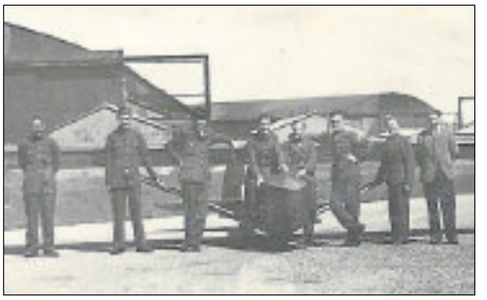
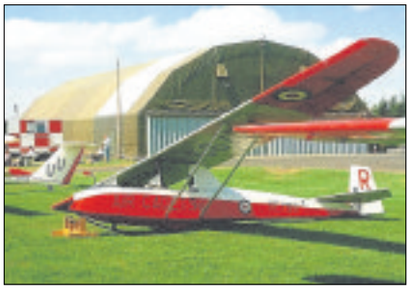


Wolverhampton cadets including Ray Simpson with their glider

Miles Messenger aircraft at Monmore Green ATC in 70s



AN ATC Slingsby T.31 glider at RAF Cosford

Air training corps that took off 75 years ago

THE Air Training Corps is celebrating 75 years. It began with the announcement in 1938 of the formation of the Air Defence Cadet Corps.

This would give 20,000 boys between the ages of 14 and 18 basic instruction in some of the things they would need to know to become airmen.

Air-minded youngsters flocked to join and on January 1, 1941, the Corps was taken over by the Air Ministry and renamed the Air Training Corps, with the motto Venture Adventure.

There were squadrons in almost every town. The boys learned drill with Lee-Enfield rifles, Morse Code, astro-navigation principles, aircraft recognition, and many squadrons had an old aircraft on which they could give airframe instruction.

Cadets went to local RAF stations to be given air experience flights.

MEMORY LANE

By Alec Brew

For instance Vic Thwaites from Brewood who was in D Flight of 1047 Squadron had six flights during the War, in Wellingtons at RAF Hixon, Ansons at RAF Halfpenny Green and an Oxford at RAF Wheaton Aston.

He was also given 15 minutes instruction in a Link ground trainer, and early form of simulator, at RAF Perton.

Level

At an early stage it was decided that cadets should learn to fly, and the pre-war Slingsby Cadet was ordered in large numbers. Surprisingly this was single seat, and cadets learned at first to keep the wings level in a ground slide, then did low hops, then higher hops and finally a circuit.

The airspeed was controlled by the instructor at the controls of the winch.

Locally No.43 ATC Gliding School was established at Walsall Airport, and after the War moved to RAF Lichfield.

Ray Simpson of Fallings Park had a total of 48 instructions on a Cadet glider during 1948 at Lichfield, of which 15 were classed as 'slides', 15 as 'airborne slides', 9 as 'low hops' and 9 as 'high hops'.

Better sense prevailed after the War and two seat gliders were ordered for instruction, and local training centred on RAF Cosford.

The ATC still thrives today with both 1046 and 1047 Squadrons active in Wolverhampton, and other squadrons in Codsall, Sedgeley, Walsall and elsewhere.

The Tettenhall Transport Heritage Centre is preparing an exhibition of the ATC's 75 Years, centred on three ATC gliders, and is appealing for the loan of photographs and memorabilia to help tell the full story.

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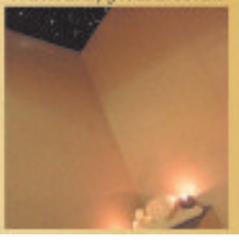

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Grand will hip-hop Into The Hoods

Student dancers from the Black Country who took part in the ZooNation showcase at the Grand Theatre last month

A HIP-HOP dance theatre production that took London's West End by storm is coming to Wolverhampton this month – and they have helped Black Country dancers create a curtain-raiser routine.

Into the Hoods: Remixed will be staged at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from tonight (Thursday) to Saturday.

The award-winning show, by ZooNation dance company, is produced by Sadler's Wells associate artist Kate Prince and tells the story of two lost schoolchildren. Based on Little Red Riding Hood, the piece is set in the 'Ruff Endz Estate' and uses hip hop dance to show the youngsters' journey, meeting such characters as DJ Spinderella and rapper Rap On Zel.

With support from Arts Connect, the Grand and ZooNation have created an outreach scheme that provided opportunities for dance students in local schools and colleges to work with the professional choreographers.

Showcase

In the showcase at the theatre last month, each school presented a dance routine based around a fairytale.

The dancers chosen are from Coppice Performing Arts School, St Matthias School, Highfields School, City Of Wolverhampton College, South Wolverhampton & Bilston Academy, The King's CE School, Birmingham Ormiston Academy, Ormiston Shelfield Community Academy, Halesowen College, Moreton School, George Salter Academy and Our Lady & St Chad Catholic Academy.

The dancers will create a 'curtain raiser' routine with ZooNation to be performed before the opening performance at the Grand tonight (Thursday) and again on Saturday night.

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THIS is a CCTV image of a man wanted for questioning after a conductor on a train from Birmingham New Street to Rugeley Trent Valley was spat at in the face.

CCTV image

The incident happened on platform one at Walsall railway station at about 6.30pm on Thursday, February 4 after a passenger became abusive towards the train conductor.

When he got off the train at Walsall, the man spat at the conductor. Anyone with information about the incident is asked to call British Transport Police on 0800 405040 or text 61016.

Knife-wielding thug jailed over raid on man's bedsit

A THUG smashed his way into a drug user's bedsit and forced him to steal bottles of whisky, threatening him with a knife, to pay off a debt, a court heard.

Jonathan Saul, aged 36, of Mill Street, Cannock, was convicted by a jury at Warwick Crown Court of kidnapping Lee Depascalis. Saul, who after the jury's verdict pleaded guilty to three offences of shoplifting, was jailed for six years.

Mr William Dudley, prosecuting, said the victim was a drug user and Saul had previously sold him heroin and cocaine. He said: "Lee felt bullied by Mr Saul and this culminated in the incident, which began at two in the morning on the 10th of November when he was asleep in his bedsit in Cannock. He heard banging, and the door to his bedsit came flying open.

"It had been booted off its hinges, and into the room came the defendant and a few other people. The defendant immediately started punching Lee while he was still in his bed. As he tried to get up, he realised the defendant had a knife in his hand, quite a big kitchen knife, and he was waving it around in front of Lee's face.

"Lee tried to defend himself, and got cuts to his hand from the knife." The court heard that Saul threatened to kill him but dropped that knife and produced a smaller one, which he threw at Mr Depascalis. Saul then told him he would have to go to a nearby Asda to steal items to repay a debt he owed him. CCTV recordings from the store at 4am showed that Lee was reluctant to go in but he was shoved inside.

Saul pleaded guilty to three charges of theft, which Mr Dudley said had involved stealing £30 worth of chocolate from Poundland, razor blades worth £13 from Asda, and £11 of biscuits, crisps and chocolate from a Nisa store. Mr John Williams, defending, said: "The root cause of all of his offending is his addiction to heroin."

Website offers safety advice

PARENTS in Staffordshire can now access all the advice they need about how to keep their children safe online.

A new website has been launched containing a range of information and advice after research revealed that 87 per cent of parents considered the internet and social media as the most common way children can be sexually exploited.

John Wood, joint chairman of the Staffordshire safeguarding board, said: "Knowing how to block some websites isn't enough. We all have a part to play in helping young people stay safe online, and following some simple steps can really help. I would urge everyone, especially parents, to visit the website for some helpful advice."

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Keith Handley with guest speaker Balbinder Kaur

A DEDICATED blood donor who has potentially saved more than 300 lives has been honoured for his loyalty and commitment to helping others. Keith Handley, from Great Wyrley, has made 102 donations since May 1971.

He was among 44 other donors from across the region who were presented with commemorative medals at a ceremony organised by the NHS Blood and Transplant group. All those at the event had donated on at least 100 occasions.

Keith, aged 72, first donated blood after seeing an urgent Press announcement – and hasn't looked back. He said: "Giving blood takes 45 minutes every 12 weeks, and I get free tea and biscuits – it's not a lot to ask to save lives."

Balbinder Kaur, who suffers from Thalassaemia, was a guest speaker at the ceremony and thanked donors for the monthly blood transfusions she receives. Thalassaemia is a group of inherited blood disorders where the haemoglobin in the blood is abnormal. Her red blood cells are unable to carry enough oxygen, which leads to anaemia and this is treated by the monthly transfusions.

Balbinder said: "I wouldn't be here now if it wasn't for blood donors. Receiving blood feels like receiving liquid gold. It gives me energy to live my life."

In general, if you are fit and healthy, and are aged between 17 and 66, or up to 70 if you have given blood before, you should be able to give blood. To book an appointment call 0300 123 23 23 or visit www.blood.co.uk

'Don't be left out' plea on benefits

CANNOCK Chase Council is warning residents about the ongoing implementation of the Government's Welfare Reform Agenda and how it might affect them.

In particular, there are several changes which could affect benefit claims this year.

The Welfare Reform Act was introduced in 2012, and the Chancellor in his budget of July 2015 announced further changes to be introduced in 2016.

The changes taking place include the removal of the Housing Benefit Family Premium, the roll-out of the Universal Credit, and the new national Living Wage.

Councillor Frank Allen, housing portfolio leader on the council, said: "There are a number of government changes taking place as part of the Welfare Reform Agenda, and we are urging residents to find out how, and if, they might be affected." People can find more information about the changes at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/residents/benefits

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Horrible Histories takes to the stage

The dark ages go daft with Horrible Histories crew, Holly Morgan with, Andrew Alton and Elliot Fitzpatrick, at the Grand

VIKINGS, Romans and the Saxons will be invading the Black Country when Horrible Histories takes to the stage with two new plays aimed at teaching children, and their parents, more about our gruesome past.

The shows by the Birmingham Stage Company will be performed at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre from Wednesday, March 2, to Saturday, March 5, including matinee performances.

The plays follow the success of the BBC children's programme, based on a series of hit books by Terry Deary.

The first show, Incredible Invaders, will reveal the grisly reality behind the history of the cut-throat Celts and the invasion by those ruthless Romans. Then the savage Saxons smash their way in and the vicious Vikings sail in too.

The second show goes to even earlier times, when those Groovy Greeks will take the audience from savage Sparta to angry Athens to discover the truth about Ancient Greece.

The audience can take part in the Trojan War, compete in the first Olympics and appear in a Greek play... but watch out you don't get munched by the monstrous Minotaur or zapped by Zeus.

The shows feature actors and 3D special effects. Call (01902) 429212 or visit www.grandtheatre.co.uk

Watch your step old boy

LONG-RUNNING West End show Alfred Hitchcock's The 39 Steps is coming to Birmingham Rep as part of its tenth anniversary tour.

Based both on Hitchcock's 1935 film and John Buchan's 1914 spy thriller, the Olivier Award-winning comedy sees the funny side of British gung-ho and the stiff upper lip (and indeed the pencil moustache above it).

The four actors – Richard Ede, Olivia Greene, Andrew Hodges and Rob Witcomb – will play more than 130 characters between them in around 100 minutes.

Patrick Barlow's adaptation opened at the Tricycle in 2006 and the same year transferred to the Criterion Theatre on Piccadilly Circus, where it ran for nine years.

Chase

It also arrived on Broadway in 2008 and won a coveted Tony Award for best play.

The story – a frenetic chase from London to the Scottish Highlands – was famously adapted for the screen by Hitchcock and the stage production references a number of the famous scenes, including the chase on the Flying Scotsman train, escape on the Forth Road Bridge and the notorious stockings and suspenders scene.

Directed by Maria Aitken and designed by Peter McKintosh, The 39 Steps will be staged at the Rep in Centenary Square from Monday to Saturday, February 29 to March 5.

Black Country is getting the blues

THE first Wolverhampton Blues, Rhythm and Rock Festival will be taking place over eight hours on Saturday.

At the Slade Rooms in the city, the festival is being headlined by British blues legends Stan Webb's Chicken Shack.

Also on the bill are The Brew, The Rainbreakers, Rebecca Downes, Peoples Republic of Mercia and Southbound. The music starts at 2pm and will go on until 10pm. Tickets cost £23. See www.wolverhamptonblues festival.co.uk for further details.

Meanwhile, The Blues Band featuring Paul Jones, Dave Kelly, Tom McGuinness, Gary Fletcher and Rob Towsend play Bilston's Robin 2 tonight (Thu).

Freezin nights out with them Fizzogs

BLACK Country comedy team The Fizzogs are bringing their new show to Wolverhampton University's Arena Theatre this weekend.

They will be performing Freezin, a spoof of the Disney movie Frozen, in public shows at the Wulfruna Street venue tomorrow evening and again on Saturday, at 7.30pm. The show is suitable for those aged 14 and over, tickets are £12.

The Fizzogs found fame when their 'dancing grannies' routine went viral on the internet and were regular performers at the Black Country Living Museum. They proved a hit at last year's Edinburgh Festival Fringe.

Rocker returns in a Blaze of glory

HEAVY rocker Blaze Bayley, who fronted Wolfsbane and Iron Maiden, is playing a free record shop gig in Wolverhampton on Saturday. The singer will be performing an acoustic set and signing albums at Vinyl & Vintage on Cleveland Street, Wolverhampton, from 2.30 to 4pm. Blaze has a gig that evening at the Cock and Magpie pub, Severnside North, Bewdley.

Other rock veterans in action: The Cult at O2 Institute on Tuesday, the same night Alternative Ulster punks Stiff Little Fingers are at Bilston's Robin 2. Fellow Northern Irish rockers Therapy? are at Wolverhampton Slade Rooms on Wednesday.

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CHOICE

Lee Mead

Casualty (BBC1, 9pm)

Part one of two. Lofty struggles with the pressures of his new position when he is asked to run the nursing team for the day. He manages to secure a small victory by removing a disruptive patient from the premises, but his actions backfire when the same patient is brought back to the emergency department with a life-threatening injury. Things only get worse when a silly mistake causes an agency nurse to receive a shock from a defibrilator, and the error appears to leave Lofty's career in tatters. Meanwhile, a miserable Big Mac tries to apologise to Noel for his deception, but when Louise attempts to get to the bottom of his troubles, he misses another opportunity to tell the truth.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Mary Berry's Foolproof Cooking. (R) **12.00** BBC News; Weather. **12.10** Football Focus. **12.50** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Escape to the Continent. (R) **4.00** Final Score. **5.20** Dynamo: Magician Impossible. **5.50** BBC News.

6.00 Regional Programme.

6.10 The Getaway Car. A Swansea mother-son duo, a chauffeur and his girlfriend, a pair of "racey blondes", two brothers from Sunderland, and Brighton-based life-partners compete in car-based challenges.

7.00 The Voice UK. The blind auditions are over, and with the teams now assembled, Paloma Faith, Boy George, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson must whittle their chosen groups down in the Battle phase. In each round, two artists from the same team are challenged to compete against each other in a vocal showdown, with their own superstar coaches deciding which of them will progress to the Knockout stage. However, each battle's losing artist has one last chance to remain in the contest. Should their performance win over another of the coaches, they can choose to make use of a last-minute "steal" to secure the unsuccessful singer for their own team.

9.00 Casualty. Part one of two. Disaster strikes in the Emergency Department after Lofty takes charge of the nursing team, and a miserable Big Mac tries to apologise to Noel for his deception.

9.50 The National Lottery Live. Gaby Roslin presents as the winning numbers are revealed.

10.00 BBC News; Weather.

10.20 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents action from the latest Premier League matches, featuring Leicester City v Norwich City at King Power Stadium and West Ham United v Sunderland at Upton Park; National Lottery Update.

11.40 Film: The Tuxedo. (2002) A bumbling chauffeur dons a secret agent's hi-tech suit and sets out with a rookie spy to thwart a plot to take over the world. Comedy adventure, with Jackie Chan.

1.15 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.20** BBC News.

BBC2

6.55 Animal Park. (R) **7.50 Film:** Invaders from Mars. (1953) **9.15 Film:** The Password Is Courage. (1962) **11.10** Natural World. (R) **12.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **12.45** Rick Stein's India. (R) **1.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **2.15** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **2.45 Film:** Up Periscope. (1959) Second World War naval adventure, with James Garner. **4.30** Big Dreams Small Spaces. (R) **5.30** Flog It! (R)

6.30 Back in Time for the Weekend. The Ashby-Hawkins family embrace the 1980s, where TV and shopping dominated the UK's leisure time. It's also the decade where technology arrives in homes in a significant way. Kids Daisy and Seth are thrilled by the new VCR and home computer, and there's even a pager for mum Steph who's now a shoulder padded businesswoman. When dad Rob is not trying out the kids' CB radio, he's going shopping for a Don Johnson makeover with fashion guru Caryn Franklin. (R)

7.30 Queen Victoria's Children. Documentary exploring the reign of the monarch through her relationships with her husband and their children, using letters, diaries, memoirs and journals to bring the subject and characters to life. The first episode focuses on Victoria and Prince Albert's tempestuous marriage, their attempts to engineer the upbringing of their children and their efforts to save the monarchy by projecting a modern image of the royal family. (R)

8.30 Dad's Army. A night at the cinema and a black-market toasted cheese sandwich make Mainwaring have an unusual dream in which he is Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. (R)

9.00 Stag. New series. A timid schoolteacher tags along on his brother-in-law's stag weekend in the Scottish Highlands, which quickly turns messy. Black comedy, starring Jim Howick.

10.00 Film: Spike Island. (2012) Premiere. Five teenagers make a life-changing journey across Britain in the summer of 1990 to see the Stone Roses in concert. Drama, starring Elliott Tittensor.

11.40 They Came from Manchester: The Story of Mancunian Pop.

12.40 Film: The Secret in Their Eyes. (2009) **2.40** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Jessie. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **11.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.30** River Monsters. (R) **1.00** Regional Programme ; Weather. **1.10** ITV News; Weather. **1.25** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. Italy v Scotland (Kick-off 2.25pm). **4.25** Live Six Nations Rugby Union. England v Ireland (Kick-off 4.50pm).

7.00 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway. The presenter duo are joined by Gino D'Acampo for the first I'm a Celebrity, Get Out of Me Ear! of the new series. Canadian rocker Bryan Adams takes part in Singalong Live! and former X Factor winners Little Mix get wild in a special End of Show Show. Ant and Dec also introduce the premiere of a new mystery thriller, Who Shot Simon Cowell?, and offer one lucky member of their audience a chance to Win the Ads. Plus, the usual selection of surprises, undercover pranks and competitions.

8.30 Take Me Out. Paddy McGuinness invites more would-be Romeos to enters the "love lift" and claim the hearts of his 30 single women. This time, the men seeking to win a date are Louis, a debt collector from Great Yarmouth, Tenby-based tugboat skipper Patrick, Thomas, a chorister from Arundel, and Oxford stunt-man Jon. Each will be seeking a companion to whisk off to the Isle of Fernandos, but first they must get the female participants to keep their lights on as a sign of approval.

9.45 ITV News; Weather.

10.00 The Jonathan Ross Show. The host subjects another batch of celebrity guests to no-holds-barred questioning. Plus, musical performances by A-list bands and solo artists.

11.05 Film: Invictus. (2009) Clint Eastwood's factual drama.

1.30 Jackpot247. **3.00** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **3.50** ITV Nightscreen.

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** Frostgun Invitational. **7.30** Freeride World Tour. **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **9.00** The Morning Line. **10.00** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **10.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.00** The Superhumans Show. **11.30** The Simpsons. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD. **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Kempton Park, Newcastle and Lingfield Park. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.25** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.25** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.00 Come Dine with Me. On the final night in Darlington, Co Durham, Audra plans to win over her guests with genuine Italian cuisine followed by a mysterious tiramisini, which is not to everyone's liking. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Great Canal Journeys. Built nearly a century before the British canal system, the Canal du Midi in the south of France has been designated a world heritage site. Timothy West and Prunella Scales explore a picturesque stretch, as is it meanders toward the Mediterranean. They visit the town of Beziers and the Malpas Tunnel – Europe's first navigable canal tunnel – and taste the delights of lamb's brain fritters, as well as brandy that is almost 200 years old. (R)

8.00 Penelope Keith's Hidden Villages. The actress travels through Royal Deeside, a remote part of Aberdeenshire, featuring enormous estates served by tiny communities, with five people for every square kilometre. Previously seen on More4.

9.00 Film: Taken 2. (2012) Former CIA agent Bryan Mills and his ex-wife Lenore are taken hostage in Istanbul by an Albanian gangster, whose son Bryan killed while bringing down a kidnapping ring. He is able to escape with the aid of his daughter, and together they fight to rescue Lenore and wipe out the criminal family. Thriller sequel, starring Liam Neeson.

10.55 Film: Braveheart. (1995) Historical epic, directed by and starring Mel Gibson.

2.05 Hollyoaks. (R) **4.15** Undercover Boss Canada. (R) **5.00** Deal or No Deal. (R) **5.50** How I Met Your Mother. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! **8.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **9.30** The Saturday Show Live. **11.30** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. **12.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.00** Police Interceptors. (R) **2.00** 87 Stone: Fat Chance of Work – SuperSized. (R) **3.00** Benefits: Me & My 26 Kids. (R) **4.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R) **5.00** Benefits Britain: Life on the Dole. (R)

6.00 Can't Pay? Benefits Special. The agents grapple with emotional evictions and moral dilemmas as a young family is made homeless, an acrimonious divorce comes to a head, and an off-licence battles to stay open. (R)

7.00 World War II in Colour. By late summer 1944, the Allied forces in Europe were thrusting toward the German border, but supply problems brought the advance to a halt, while Soviet leader Josef Stalin had halted his main push to Berlin while he laid the basis for a Communist empire. Hitler decided to stake his last reserves on a major counter-offensive in the Ardennes region of Belgium, leading to what became known as the Battle of the Bulge. Meanwhile, Soviet troops discovered the first death camps and evidence emerged of the Nazi programme to exterminate the Jewish people. (R)

8.00 The Gadget Show. Jon Bentley looks at the latest raft of budget smartphones – all of which claim to offer superior features at an affordable price. (R)

8.55 5 News Weekend.

9.00 The Championship: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present extended highlights of the latest matches in the Championship, including Wolverhampton Wanderers v Derby County at Molineux.

10.00 Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. Kelly Cates and George Riley present a round-up of all the goals from League One and League Two.

10.30 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. The team investigates the murder of a teenage girl when a photograph of the crime scene is leaked online, and the victim's father and therapist soon emerge as prime suspects. (R)

11.20 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. (R)

12.15 SuperCasino. **3.10** BAMMA 24. **5.00** Chinese Food in Minutes.

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 How Earth Made Us **8.00** The Inca: Masters of the Clouds **9.00** Trapped **10.40** The Secret Life of Bob Monkhouse **12.10** Neil Sedaka: King of Song **1.10** Neil Sedaka Says: All You Need Is the Music **2.00** The Joy of the Single **3.00** Top of the Pops: 1981 **3.40** Close

ITV2

11.05 Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **12.40** The Almost Impossible Gameshow **1.40** Scorpion **2.35 Film:** Baby Mama (2008) **4.35** Catchphrase **5.20 Film:** The Smurfs 2 (2013) **7.25 Film:** Back to the Future (1985) **9.45** Take Me Out – The Gossip **10.45** Ibiza Weekender **11.50** The Keith Lemon Sketch Show **12.20 Film:** Not Another Teen Movie (2001) **2.10** Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands **3.00** Teleshopping

ITV3

6.00 Midsomer Murders **10.00** A Touch of Frost **12.00** Blue Murder **1.35** Judge Judy **1.55** Movies Now **2.05** ITV3 Nightscreen **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV4

12.45 Storage Wars **1.40 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **4.15 Film:** Superman (1978) **7.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **9.00 Film:** Tremors (1989) **10.55 Film:** Raw Deal (1986) **1.05 Film:** The Jerk (1979) **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

11.00 How I Met Your Mother **12.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine **1.00** The Goldbergs **2.00** The Jump **3.00 Film:** Maid in Manhattan (2002) **5.05** The Big Bang Theory **9.00 Film:** Knight and Day (2010) A woman gets kidnapped and dragged into a rogue secret agent's mission to clear his name after he is framed as a traitor. Comedy adventure, starring Tom Cruise and Cameron Diaz. **11.05** Tattoo Fixers **12.10** Gogglebox **2.20** Virtually Famous **3.00** The Inbetweeners **3.50** Rules of Engagement **4.35** Revenge

Film4

11.00 Fixed Bayonets! (1951) **1.00** Black Knight (2001) **2.50** Magic in the Water (1995) **4.50** Just Wright (2010) **6.50** The Other Boleyn Girl (2008) **9.00** The Impossible (2012) A family spending Christmas in Thailand are separated in the 2004 tsunami and struggle to find each other in the ensuing chaos. Drama, with Naomi Watts. **11.10** The Craft (1996) Teenage witches use their powers to take revenge on classmates who have wronged them, but their leader's lust for power drives her mad. Horror, with Robin Tunney. **1.15** 4.3.2.1 (2010) **3.35** Close

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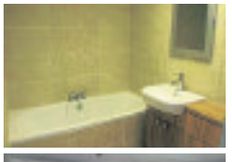

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CHOICE

Michael Gambon

Churchill's Secret (ITV, 8pm)

Michael Gambon stars as Winston Churchill in this feature-length drama based on Jonathan Smith's novel. In 1953, a nurse (Romola Garai) is summoned to a secret location where she learns she is needed to treat the elderly prime minister, who has suffered a stroke and is not expected to survive. She bears witness as Churchill's family gather by his bedside preparing for the worst, and sees the long-buried tensions between them rising to the surface. Also starring Lindsay Duncan, Bill Paterson, Tara Fitzgerald, Rachael Stirling, Patrick Kennedy, Christian McKay, Chris Larkin, Daisy Lewis, Matthew Marsh, James Wilby, Alex Jennings and John Standing..

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.40** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Regional Programme. **12.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Homes Under the Hammer. **2.15** Escape to the Country. (R) **3.15** The Great Sport Relief Bake Off. (R) **4.15** Songs of Praise. **4.50** Pointless Celebrities. (R) **5.35** Nature's Miracle Orphans.

6.35 BBC News.

6.50 Regional Programme.

7.00 Countryfile. Matt Baker and Shauna Lowry present the show from the Essex coast. Matt travels to Mersea Island and meets a seventh generation oyster fisherman, and learns about the decline of native oysters in the region, while Shauna discovers the role dogs have to play in a conservation effort to protect watervoles. Plus, Adam Henson welcomes a new arrival to his farm, Tom Heap reports on how dogs can be dangerous to livestock, and Nina Wadia reveals her favourite part of the British countryside.

8.00 Call the Midwife. The introduction of the contraceptive pill is welcomed by Dr Turner, but some of his colleagues are less keen on the idea. Patsy tries to help a bargee who wants to give birth among her own community rather than in a maternity ward. Nurse Crane deals with an emergency during a storm, and a familiar face returns to Nonnatus House – but has been changed by her time away.

9.00 The Night Manager. Pine and Burr hatch a plan to get Roper's attention, by faking a criminal reputation for the former soldier. Six months later, the arms dealer's son is kidnapped from his villa.

10.00 BBC News.

10.20 Regional Programme.

10.30 Match of the Day 2. Highlights of the latest Premier League matches, featuring Manchester United v Arsenal at Old Trafford and Tottenham Hotspur v Swansea City at White Hart Lane.

11.30 Film: The Other Man. (2008) A man tracks down his wife's lover after her death, intending to exact revenge, but instead strikes up an unlikely friendship. Drama, starring Liam Neeson.

12.55 Weather for the Week Ahead. **1.00** BBC News.

BBC2

6.20 The A to Z of TV Gardening. (R) **7.05** Great British Garden Revival. (R) **8.05** An Island Parish. (R) **8.35** Countryfile. (R) **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin: Home Comforts. (R) **11.45** The Best Dishes Ever. (R) **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00 Film:** Apache Territory. (1958) Western, starring Rory Calhoun. **2.10** Great Directors: Talking Pictures. (R) **2.50 Film:** The Philadelphia Story. (1940) Romantic comedy, starring Katharine Hepburn and Cary Grant. **4.40 Film:** Tron. (1982) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jeff Bridges.

6.10 Flog It! Kate Bateman and Adam Partridge value items in the spa town of Malvern, Worcestershire, including a wooden top toy and some old coins that could be worth thousands of pounds. (R)

7.00 Six Nations Highlights. John Inverdale is joined by Keith Wood, Andy Nicol and Jeremy Guscott to present action from the third round of the 2016 championship, featuring England v Ireland at Twickenham, Wales v France at the Principality Stadium and Italy v Scotland at the Stadio Olimpico.

8.00 Dragons Den: Pitches to Riches. Richard Osman presents a look back at some of the most memorable contestants to appear on the business ideas show, and discovers what success they have enjoyed since making their pitch to the panel. Peter Jones pays a visit to celebrity chef Levi Roots, whose company Reggae Reggae Sauce became a success through a successful appearance on the show, while Deborah Meaden is reunited with Jordan Daykin, the youngest ever contestant to secure the backing of a Dragon, to discover if he has fulfilled his potential as an entrepreneur.

9.00 Let's Play Darts for Sport Relief 2016. Gabby Logan presents the last two quarter finals from the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, pitting Tim Vine against Robbie Savage while Kate Humble takes on Jon Richardson.

10.00 The People v OJ Simpson: American Crime Story. (R)

10.40 Film: The Reluctant Fundamentalist. (2012) Premiere. Drama, starring Riz Ahmed and Liev Schreiber.

12.40 Film: The Black Balloon. (2008) **2.10** Sign Zone: Countryfile. (R) **3.00** Holby City. (R) **4.00** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Bottom Knocker Street. **6.15** Bottom Knocker Street. (R) **6.25** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures. (R) **6.50** Signed Stories: Share a Story. (R) **6.55** Sooty. (R) **7.05** Super 4. (R) **7.15** Looped. (R) **7.30** Scrambled!: Scrambled! **7.35** Scrambled!: Mr Bean: The Animated Series. (R) **7.50** Scrambled!: Horrid Henry. (R) **8.10** Scrambled!: Nerds & Monsters. **8.30** Scrambled!: Bear Grylls Survival School. **9.05** Scrambled!: The Tom & Jerry Show. (R) **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **10.25** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. **11.20** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **12.20** ITV News; Weather. **12.30** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) **1.30** Judge Rinder. (R) **2.35** The Chase. (R) **3.35 Film:** The Man with the Golden Gun. (1974) James Bond adventure, starring Roger Moore and Christopher Lee.

6.00 Regional Programme; Weather.

6.15 ITV News; Weather.

6.30 Planet's Got Talent. The best and worst clips from the global Got Talent franchise, featuring a performer who can walk on water and a fight performance. Narrated by Warwick Davis. Last in the series.

7.00 Beowulf: Return to the Shieldlands. Elvina reveals a dark secret about herself to save Beowulf from danger, but the truth puts his feelings for her to the ultimate test.

8.00 Churchill's Secret. Michael Gambon stars as Winston Churchill in this feature-length drama based on Jonathan Smith's novel. In 1953, a nurse (Romola Garai) is summoned to a secret location where she learns she is needed to treat the elderly prime minister, who has suffered a stroke and is not expected to survive. She bears witness as Churchill's family gather by his bedside preparing for the worst, and sees the long-buried tensions between them rising to the surface. Also starring Lindsay Duncan and Tara Fitzgerald.

10.10 ITV News; Weather.

10.25 Perspectives – The Man in the Hat: Rene Magritte with Will Young. (R)

11.20 Premiership Rugby Union. Action from the 14th round of fixtures.

12.15 Jackpot247. **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.15 How I Met Your Mother. (R) **6.40** The King of Queens. (R) **7.05** The King of Queens. (R) **7.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **7.55** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **8.25** Frasier. (R) **9.00** Frasier. (R) **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.30** George Clarke's Amazing Spaces. (R) **1.35 Film:** Diary of a Wimpy Kid. (2010) Family comedy, starring Zachary Gordon. **3.25** The Simpsons. (R) **3.55** The Simpsons. (R) **4.25** The Simpsons. (R) **4.50** Channel 4 News. **5.10 Film:** Finding Nemo. (2003) Animated adventure, with the voices of Albert Brooks and Ellen DeGeneres.

7.00 The Secret Life of the Zoo. Chester's Penguin Island is home to one of the most enduring love stories in the zoo. At 22, Rud is the oldest on the island, and has been with his partner, Spike, for over 15 years. However, keepers are concerned that Rud's arthritic hip could be affecting his quality of life. Meanwhile, the Sumatran tigers are upgrading to a luxury new enclosure on the other side of the zoo as part of Chester's huge expansion. But they've lived in their home for most of their lives so it's not going to be an easy move. (R)

8.00 The Jump. Celebrities battle it out in winter sport disciplines and two of them face a live ski jump each night to keep their place in the competition. Presented by Davina McCall.

9.00 Film: The Wolverine. (2013) Premiere. The former member of the X-Men is lured out of hiding and travels to Japan, where a dying businessman offers him the chance to give up his immortality for a normal life. He ends up robbed of his superhuman powers by a mysterious scientist and is forced to protect the tycoon's granddaughter from a secret conspiracy's assassins. Superhero adventure spin-off, starring Hugh Jackman and Tao Okamoto.

11.35 Film: Attack the Block. (2011) A student nurse and a teenage gang band together to fight off alien invaders terrorising a south London tower block. Sci-fi comedy thriller, with Jodie Whittaker and John Boyega.

1.05 Embarrassing Bodies. A man suffering from abscesses. (R) **2.05** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.20** Location, Location, Location. (R) **5.10** Deal or No Deal. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Bananas in Pyjamas. (R) **6.20** Angelina Ballerina. (R) **6.30** Bob the Builder. (R) **6.45** Tickety Toc. (R) **6.55** Zack and Quack. (R) **7.05** Roobarb and Custard Too. (R) **7.15** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **7.25** Paw Patrol. (R) **7.40** Little Princess. (R) **7.55** Pip Ahoy! (R) **8.05** Blaze and the Monster Machines. **8.30** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. (R) **8.45** Wanda and the Alien. (R) **9.00** Toby's Travelling Circus. (R) **9.15** Jelly Jamm. (R) **9.30** LazyTown. (R) **9.55** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. (R) **10.30** The Championship: Football League Tonight. (R) **11.30** Goal Rush: Football League Tonight. (R) **12.00** Funniest Fails, Falls & Flops. **12.30** Police Interceptors. (R) **1.30 Film:** The Reef. (2006) Animated adventure, with the voice of Freddie Prinze Jr. **3.00 Film:** Made of Honor. (2008) Romantic comedy, starring Patrick Dempsey and Michelle Monaghan. **5.00 Film:** Monster-in-Law. (2005) Romantic comedy, starring Jennifer Lopez and Jane Fonda.

6.55 Now That's Funny! New series. A collection of internet-sourced videos with a family friendly hook, featuring laugh-out-loud unexpected personal moments now being shared with the world.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 Capital One Cup Highlights. Liverpool v Manchester City. Kelly Cates presents action from the final at Wembley Stadium, as the sides battled it out for the first major domestic silverware of the campaign. While the Citizens have fared considerably better than the inconsistent Reds overall in the Premier League this term, Jurgen Klopp's men claimed a stunning 4-1 victory when the clubs met at Etihad Stadium in November.

9.00 Film: Grown Ups. (2010) Five friends reunite for the funeral of their high-school basketball coach. However, when they discover they have all acquired the problems and responsibilities that come with adulthood, they decide to spend a weekend at a lake house in a bid to recapture their childhood. Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Chris Rock, Kevin James, David Spade and Rob Schneider.

11.05 Film: The Switch. (2010) Comedy, with Jennifer Aniston.

1.00 SuperCasino. **3.10** The Holiday Airport: Sun, Sea & Scousers. **4.00** Wildlife SOS. (R) **4.50** Great Artists. (R) **5.20** Great Scientists. (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Four

7.00 Jigs & Wigs: The Extreme World of Irish Dancing **7.30** Northern Ballet: 1984 **9.00** Storyville: Bolshoi Babylon **10.25 Film:** Populaire (2012) **12.10** Could We Survive a Mega-Tsunami? **1.10** Timeshift: Crime & Punishment – The Story of Capital Punishment **2.10** Sounds of the Eighties **2.35** Singer-Songwriters at the BBC **3.35** Close

ITV2

11.15 Take Me Out **12.30** Take Me Out – The Gossip **1.35 Film:** Beethoven's 2nd (1993) **3.20 Film:** Despicable Me 2 (2013) **5.20** Ant & Dec's Saturday Night Takeaway **6.50 Film:** Back to the Future Part II (1989) **9.00** Ibiza Weekender **10.00** Meet the Family Guys **10.30 Film:** Shaun of the Dead (2004) **12.30 Film:** Cirque du Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (2009) **2.30** Teleshopping

ITV3

11.55 Wycliffe **1.00** The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes **2.05** Agatha Christie's Marple **6.00** Midsomer Murders **8.00** Barging Round Britain with John Sergeant **9.00** Caroline Quentin: A Passage Through India **10.00** Mrs Biggs **11.00 Film:** Changeling (2008) **1.45 Film:** The Rebel (1961) **3.30** May the Best House Win **5.10** Judge Judy **5.35** ITV3 Nightscreen

ITV4

11.05 Counting Cars **12.00** The Classic Car Show **1.00 Film:** Nevada Smith (1966) **3.40 Film:** Blues Brothers 2000 (1998) **6.10 Film:** Police Academy 5: Assignment Miami Beach (1988) **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00 Film:** Texas Killing Fields (2011) **11.10 Film:** How I Spent My Summer Vacation (2012) **1.00** Ax Men **2.00** Minder **2.50** ITV4 Nightscreen **3.00** Teleshopping

E4

12.00 Couples Come Dine with Me **1.00 Film:** St Trinian's (2007) **3.00** The Goldbergs **4.00** The Big Bang Theory **9.00** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **10.00** Tattoo Fixers **12.00** Rude Tube **1.10** The Inbetweeners **2.10** The 100 **2.55** Marvel's Agents of SHIELD **3.40** Hollyoaks

Film4

11.00 Battle of the Sexes (1959) **1.00** Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (2009) **2.45** The Dark Crystal (1982) **4.30** Leap Year (2010) **6.30** Star Trek (2009) **9.00** Avatar (2009) A soldier uses a genetically engineered body to help an alien tribe fight off a corrupt mining corporation. James Cameron's sci-fi adventure, with Sam Worthington and Zoe Saldana. **12.10** Double Jeopardy (1999) **2.15** Waltz with Bashir (2008) **4.00** Close

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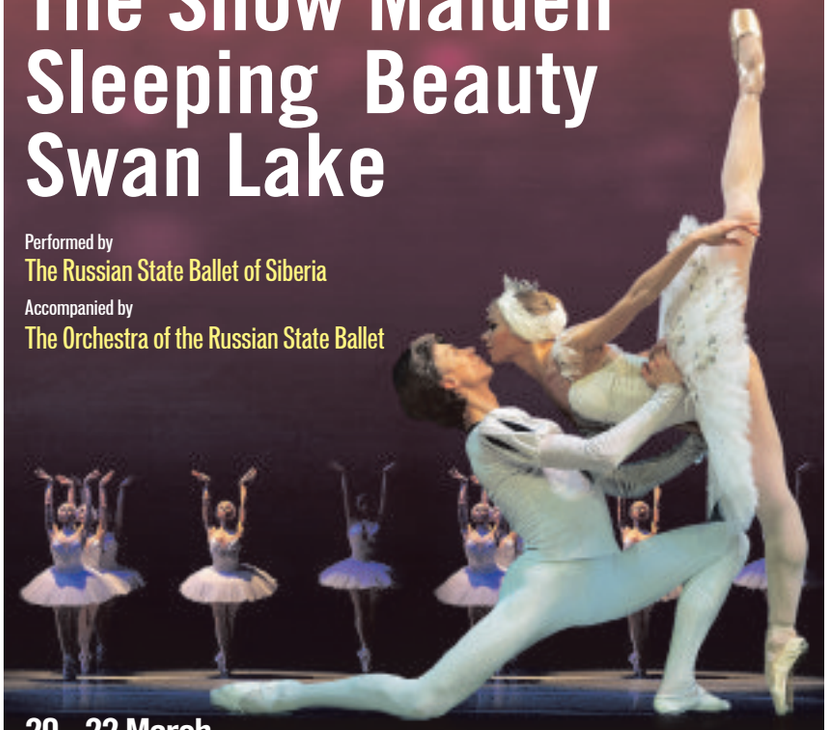

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PICK OF THE WEEK

FILM CHOICES

MONDAY
Hummingbird, Channel 5, 11pm
A haunted special forces soldier returns to London from Afghanistan and assumes another man's identity, hoping to make a fresh start. He is drawn into the city's criminal underworld, where his skills prove valuable to the highest bidder, and plots revenge against the gangster who killed his girlfriend. Crime thriller, with Jason Statham and Agata Buzek. (2013)

TUESDAY
Abducted, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A man wrongly imprisoned for murder is placed under the authority of a ruthless warden with political aspirations. Desperate to prove his innocence, the inmate escapes and abducts the official's wife. However, the situation takes an unexpected turn when the woman develops feelings for her kidnapper. Thriller, starring Sarah Wynter. (2007)

WEDNESDAY
Hit & Run, Channel 5, 3.15pm
A lawyer is riding high after putting a notorious swindler behind bars, but has to look over her shoulder when a former cop threatens to blackmail her over a skeleton in her closet that could bring her career to an end. Thriller, starring Josie Davis, Sebastian Spence and Garry Chalk. (2015)

Olympus Has Fallen, Thursday, Channel 5, 9pm

THURSDAY
Olympus Has Fallen, Channel 5, 9pm
A secret service operative is dismissed from duty after a tragic accident. As he prepares to leave his assignment, terrorists take control of the White House and hold the president hostage. The agent is trapped in the building, and uses his inside knowledge to rescue the head of state. Action thriller, starring Gerard Butler and Morgan Freeman. (2013)

FRIDAY
The Man with the Golden Gun, ITV, 11.10pm
James Bond's investigation into the death of a world-renowned scientist working on solar technology draws him into a battle of wits with a stealthy assassin, who dispatches his victims with a golden bullet and has the British secret agent next in his sights. Spy adventure, starring Roger Moore. (1974)

The heat is on Davina in blistering new series

She's made fitness DVDs and completed a gruelling 500-mile triathlon for Sport Relief in 2014, but in the first episode of her new series, Davina McCall is taking on an even more extreme sporting challenge and attempting to race a cheetah.

Luckily, she's not expecting to win – instead it's part of an experiment to find out how some extraordinary animals survive in some of planet's most hostile environments.

Over the coming weeks, Davina McCall: Life at the Extreme will see the Long Lost Family presenter travelling to the coldest, deepest and wettest places on Earth, where she will live alongside local people, scientists and the animals themselves.

She begins with a journey to Namibia, one of the hottest countries in the world, where temperatures can reach 50 degrees centigrade, and years can pass without rainfall.

It's here that Davina encounters the cheetah, learning how it deals with the heat as it reaches speeds of up to 70 miles-per-hour.

She discovers that while the predators may be built for speed, they are not quite so impressive when it comes to endurance – if they don't catch their prey in the first 300-metres, they'll simply give up. By contrast, humans can sweat to keep their temperatures down, meaning they can run a marathon in a desert.

To help demonstrate these differences, Davina prepares to race one of the cats. She says: "Obviously I'm not going to be as fast as a cheetah, but I want to compare how the heat affects us both, when we're running…My heart is pounding, I'm quite scared. Maybe this is not such a good idea after all…"

That's not the only nerve-wracking challenge the presenter undertakes, as she later travels to Erindi Game Reserve, spanning 700-square kilometres of Namibia's interior.

Its home to over 10,000 animals, most of which seek refuge in the shade during the hottest hours of the day – but Davina is more concerned with what they get up to at night, as she's going to be camping out in the open with local ranger Henco Bantjes.

Davina says: "Let me assure you, this is not something I'd normally do…I've never camped in the wild before, so I've no idea why Henco thinks I'm going to make it through the night."

It turns out she was right to be anxious as their camp receives a nocturnal visit from a lion. Luckily, the morning finds her in one piece – and ready to take on the stage of her journey, which sees her meeting the San Bushpeople of the Kalahari Desert, who are some of the last hunter-gatherers on the planet.

Davina joins them for a spot of foraging, but the heat soon takes its toll. "After two hours of foraging, I feel like every droplet of water has been sucked from my body… my mouth's so dry, I feel like my top lip's just getting stuck."

But will the presenter find the strength to carry on – or will we discover that the next instalment of the four part series has been renamed Davina McCall: Life at Home on the Sofa?

Davina McCall: Life at the Extreme, Monday, ITV, 9pm

BEST OF THE REST

MONDAY
Too Much TV
BBC2, 6.30pm
New series. Magazine show devoted to the small screen, featuring guides to what's on as well as insight, opinions and the chance for viewers to catch watercooler moments they may have missed, with Aled Jones and Sara Cox presenting the first edition. Emma Bunton and Rufus Hound are also among the revolving team of hosts introducing news, reviews and previews of the latest programmes and chatting to celebrity guests, while comedians Funmbi Omotayo and Susan Calman will act as roving reporters. Plus, the team delves into the archives for a selection of TV's greatest moments.

TUESDAY
Back in Time for the Weekend
BBC2, 8pm
The Ashby-Hawkins family enters the 1990s, a decade where new technology starts to dominate their leisure time. Twelve year-old Seth finally gets his hands on a Game Boy and games console, while the arrival of the internet and a mobile phone marks the start of how many spend their spare time now. Steph and Rob try out line-dancing, and fitness star Mr Motivator puts them through their paces. Tommy Walsh and Linda Barker also turn up to help the family give the house and garden a 90s makeover. As ever, Giles Coren is your host

WEDNESDAY
Raised by Wolves
Channel 4, 10pm
New series. The comedy written by Caitlin and Caroline Moran returns. Set on a Wolverhampton council estate, the story is a modern-day reimagining of their childhood. In the first edition, Della turns off the household Wi-Fi to save money, forcing a desperate Germaine to go to the local library, where she has an unexpected romantic encounter with a former enemy. Meanwhile, with Grampy sleeping in her coat cupboard, Della resolves to take a trip to the 'Poor Woman's Ikea' – or a skip – to look for supplies.

Secrets of the Sauna
Channel 4, 10.35pm
Candid documentary offering a glimpse at the secretive world of gay saunas, gaining access to an establishment in Nottingham where men go to meet strangers for sex. The programme meets people from a wide variety of backgrounds who frequent the sauna, from teachers and plumbers to Tory councillors, as well as hearing from the staff who work there, including owners Joe and John, who have been a couple for over 30 years. The programme provides a rarely before seen snapshot of gay culture, in a world where only men are welcome.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive, Thursday, ITV, 9pm

THURSDAY
Pompeii: New Secrets Revealed with Mary Beard
BBC1, 9pm
The renowned classicist and TV historian explores what life was like 2,000 years ago in Pompeii, one of the world's most extraordinary and iconic archaeological sites. She goes behind the scenes of the Great Pompeii Project, where restoration teams have gradually removed the layers of time and deterioration from the frescoes and mosaics of houses closed to the public for decades, and with the help of point-cloud scanning technology, Pompeii is seen and explained like never before.

Bear Grylls: Mission Survive
ITV, 9pm
Bear Grylls is no stranger to taking VIPs out into the wild – in December, we saw him head out on a ramble across Alaska with President Barack Obama. Now, he's introducing us to a group of seven celebrities who face a challenging expedition in the South African bush, where they must learn to navigate difficult terrain, build shelters, make fire and eat the food that nature provides. From being suspended by rope from a helicopter to eating mopane worms and navigating through scorched plains, the stars face a range of tough tasks and Bear himself eliminates one of them after each challenge.

FRIDAY
NCIS: New Orleans
Channel 5, 9pm
A blogger who devoted his energies to exposing corruption within government is found dead, having recently cited some Navy Seals as overstepped the mark in their use of force.

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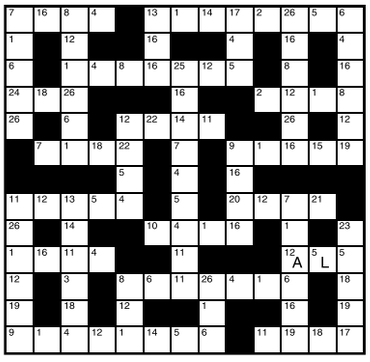
Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

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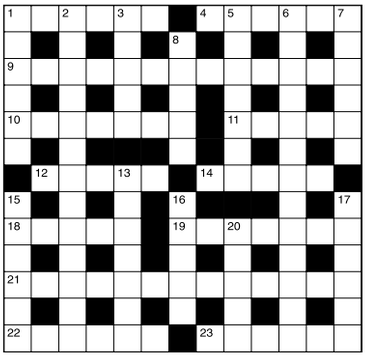
Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.



Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Gift bestowed on Bligh's craft (6)
4. Softly scolded for what the gossip did (6)
9. Is willing to take the consequences, as the conductor does (5,3,5)
10. Intent on changing rates round the north-east (7)
11. French name given to present-day wanderer (5)
12. The right current measures for dishonest practices (5)
14. The first of the singers to deal successfully with the range (5)
18. Makes a call for jewellery (5)
19. Makes a tape for some minutes (7)
21. Money regularly available to the ranker (7,6)
22. Wild herd round us stampeded (6)
23. Demure fashions by the first of the tailoresses (6)

Down

1. Strike for a place to eat (6)
2. Indefinite restrictions produce doubts (13)
3. Such buds are sensitive to the consumer (5)
5. Could this describe Marconi? In a way (7)
6. How one with a definite aim acts (2,4,7)
7. Make plain English of French cipher (6)
8. Ashen-faced when we are about to strike (5)
13. The correspondent pays it a long time after an appointment (7)
15. Decent support supplied with some hesitation (6)
16. Short, broken fibre (5)
17. A view of unusual pacts about the East (6)
20. Piece of poetry is hypocrisy and nothing more (5)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Thin gruel (6)
4. Span (6)
9. Listless (13)
10. Odd (7)
11. Depression (5)
12. Insurgent (5)
14. Storehouse (5)
18. Commerce (5)
19. Fidgety (7)
21. Exuberance (6,7)
22. Signify (6)
23. Dog-house (6)

Down

1. Spatter (6)
2. Imprisonment (13)
3. Memorise (5)
5. Remainder (7)
6. Decay (13)
7. Enrol (6)
8. Vacillate (5)
13. Graceful (7)
15. Thread (6)
16. Flagrant (5)
17. Ship (6)
20. Glow (5)

Sudoku

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Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

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LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Lose patience; 7 Panic; 8 Trail; 9 Hot; 10 Pointless; 11 Narrow; 12 Scraps; 15 Supporter; 17 Roc; 18 Dandy; 19 On the; 21 Cheer-leaders. Down: 1 Left-hand side; 2 Pan; 3 Tactic; 4 Estate car; 5 Chase; 6 Close secrets; 7 Peter; 10 Prototype; 13 Agree; 14 Stroll; 16 Pinch; 20 Tea. QUICK - Across: 1 Apprehensive; 7 Deter; 8 Arson; 9 Ebb; 10 Segregate; 11 Tiring; 12 Detour; 15 Ceaseless; 17 Dip; 18 Title; 19 Demur; 21 Prescription. Down: 1 Authenticity; 2 Eat; 3 Enrage; 4 Shapeless; 5 Vista; 6 Interruption; 7 Debar; 10 Senseless; 13 Order; 14 Vendor; 16 Alter; 20 Map.

Thinking space

Quiz

1. Which author was married from 1965-83 to writer Elizabeth Jane Howard?
2. Who directed the film Babette's Feast?
3. Which explorer led the youth project Operation Drake?
4. When is the feast day of St. Brigid?
5. What nationality was the clown Charlie Cairoli?
6. Who won a Best Actress Oscar for It Happened One Night?
7. Which murderer was murdered in Walpole Prison, Massachusetts, in 1973?
8. Who wrote the songs Camptown Races and Beautiful Dreamer?
9. In which state was evangelist Billy Graham born?
10. Who patented the first sewing machine?

Last week's solutions:

Quiz: 1 The Hague; 2 Painting; 3 13; 4 Strait of Messina; 5 Uganda; 6 A goldlike alloy of copper and zinc; 7 Thomas Stamford Raffles; 8 Self-boiling; 9 Portugal; 10 Hong Kong.

Niner: GROUNDSEL

Niner

Each number from 1 to 9 represents a different letter. Solve the clues and insert the letters in the appropriate squares to discover a word which uses all nine letters.

628 gives a sailor,
43281 gives a protector,
39578 gives an official.

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Crew on board the ship so friendly, like bar manager Farhan

Set sail for trip of a lifetime and believe me, it's smiles all the way

BAR manager Farhan is juggling three vodka bottles to Lou Bega's Mambo No. 5. There's loud clapping and cheering as he expertly lands one on his forearm.

A hilarious sketch then follows when the maître d' dons a blonde wig to play the part of a receptionist dealing with a guest reluctant to pay their bill.

We're watching a show put on by the crew of MS Inspire and dubbed 'the best show on the Rhine and Moselle' – and this 13-day luxury Tauck voyage is arguably the best cruise on the Rhine and Moselle.

Yes, it's all aboard for the trip of a lifetime that takes in Switzerland, France, Germany, Luxembourg and The Netherlands. Embarkation is at Three Countries Corner in Basel, the spot where France, Germany and Switzerland meet.

By Heather Loat

Basel is Switzerland's third largest city and while not picture postcard a guided walking tour reveals a city steeped in culture and history.

What makes this Tauck cruise so special is the entire crew. Nothing is too much trouble. At capacity the ship accommodates 130 passengers compared to other riverboats of the same size which cater for 190 passengers.

It means you experience a much more intimate atmosphere on a Tauck trip. With a lower overall capacity Tauck is also able to outfit each vessel with a far higher percentage of suites, designed with space and comfort in mind. Ours featured a floor to ceiling balcony window through which we could gaze at turreted castles and gothic churches.

But with so many on shore excursions to places including Heidelberg, Cochem and Germany's oldest city Trier, there's little time for luxuriating.

The fashionable spa town of Baden-Baden, famed for its bathing, is on the itinerary or you can visit the Kurhaus casino described by Marlene Dietrich as 'the most beautiful in the world'.

Quaint

Then meander along quaint, cobbled streets and sample a slice of Black Forest cake named after the region.

Back on board and we are treated to a performance of Alsatian Folkloric dancing. Then we find ourselves linking arms with our fellow passengers and singing eins, zwei, drei, hoopla!

We feast like kings too at Reichenstein Castle, a medieval fortress overlooking the Rhine. The castle is exclusively ours for the evening, to explore before a private dinner in the grounds.

It's a slightly more bumpy ride when I get on a bike at the Hoge Veluwe National Park, near Arnhem, in The Netherlands. We are in the grounds of the visitor centre from where it's a short ride to the Kröller-Müller Museum – which houses the second largest Van Gogh collection in the world.

The excursion to this most fascinating of European cities begins with a visit to the Rijksmuseum where masterpieces by Rembrandt are among treasures on show.

The highlight, however, is a boat trip on the canals which Amsterdam is famed for.

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Four-bed detached has a sleek interior

THIS immaculately presented four-bedroom detached family home in Upper Landywood Lane, Cheslyn Hay, lies on a large plot of around a quarter of an acre.

It is for sale through Lovett & Co at £650,000. With double glazing and gas central heating, it has several spacious reception rooms, a modern high specification dining kitchen, four large double bedrooms with modern en suites to three of them, a useful cellar, a large private secluded rear garden and two driveways with parking for numerous vehicles.

The property benefits from a diverse range of amenities including primary and secondary schools, local shopping facilities and public transport services to neighbouring areas.

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Executive home in a highly sought after village location

SET in the much sought-after village location of Great Bridgeford, this modern executive detached family house in Bridgeford Grove is presented to a very high standard throughout. It is for sale through Butters John Bee at £259,995.

It has an entrance hall with laminate flooring and stairs off, a storage cupboard, a lounge with French doors to a dining room with laminate flooring and French doors opening to a conservatory.There is a re-styled kitchen, and a utility room.

There is also a guest WC, a master bedroom with fitted furniture and an en suite, three further bedrooms and a bathroom with a shower over the bath, part tiled walls and tiled flooring and a chrome towel rail, gardens and driveway and a garage.

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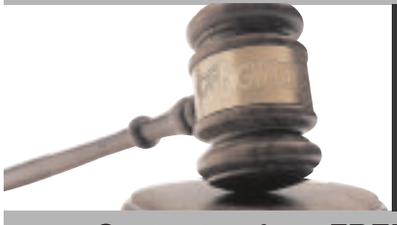

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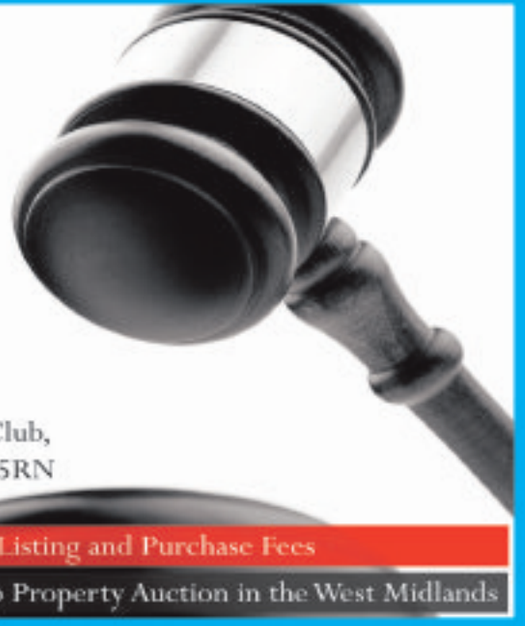

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Low Listing and Purchase Fees

The Largest Group Property Auction in the West Midlands

Entries Now Invited

9 Bridge St, Stafford
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Heath Hayes
New

Meadow Way

•Modern Detached House
•Sought After Location
•Four/Five Bedrooms
•Lounge, Dining Room

£245,000 EPC=C

Rugeley
New

Ravenhill Terrace

•Detached Family Home
•Four Bedrooms
•Lounge/Diner
•Conservatory

£240,000 EPC=TBA

Cheslyn Hay
New

Berwyn Grove

•Semi Detached Bungalow
•Lounge & Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms & Bathroom
•Block Paved Driveway

£165,000 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New

Newhall Street

•Semi Detached House
•Town Centre Location
•Three Bedrooms
•Kitchen & Utility

£139,995 EPC=TBA

Heath Hayes
New

Apple Walk

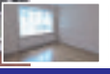
•Mews Style House
•Lounge & Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms
•Allocated Parking

£112,500 EPC=TBA

Cannock
New

Newhall Street

•Traditional Semi Detached
•Lounge & Dining Room
•Town Centre Location
•Two Bedrooms & Bathroom



£123,500 EPC=TBA

Heath Hayes
New

Pheasant Way

•Ground Floor Apartment
•Open Plan Lounge & Kitchen
•Two Bedrooms
•Family Bathroom

£117,995 EPC=C

Cannock
No Chain

Rowan Croft, Price Street

•Over 55's First Floor Flat
•75% Shared Ownership
•One Bedroom & Bathroom
•Communal Lounge

£44,750 EPC=C

Cannock

Stoney Croft
•Executive 4 Bedroom•Excellent Commuter Links
•Exclusive Location•2 Reception Rooms

£350,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New Price

Dartmouth Avenue
•Traditional Detached House•Three Bedrooms
•Lounge, Dining Room•Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen

£265,000 EPC=D

Cannock
New

Earlswood Way
•Executive Detached•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Five Bedrooms•Two Ensuites & Bathroom

£250,000 EPC=B

Cannock
New

Rudyard Way
•Detached Family Home•4 Bedrooms / 3 Storey
•Popular Location•Very Well Presented

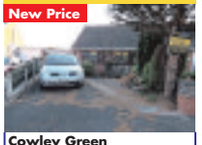
£240,000 EPC=C

Hazelslade
New

Blackthorn Crescent
•Semi Detached Bungalow•Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
•2 Bedrooms & Conservatory•Shower Room

£165,000 EPC=D

Hednesford
New Price



Cowley Green
•Attractive Bungalow•Cul-de-Sac Location
•Lounge & Dining Room•Kitchen & Conservatory

£155,000 EPC=D

Heath Hayes

Badgers Court
•Modern First Floor•Two Bedrooms, En-Suite
•Lounge/Diner, Kitchen•Bathroom, Electric Heating

£110,000 EPC=B

Great Wyrley

Achilles Close
•End Terraced House•Ideal First Time Purchase
•Popular Location•Two Bedrooms

£95,000 EPC=F

Norton Canes
New

Church Vale
•Detached Bungalow•Extended Accommodation
•Spacious Lounge•Luxury Fitted Kitchen

£290,000 EPC=C

Willenhall
New

Fenn Rise
•Semi Detached Bungalow•Popular Location
•Two Bedrooms•Conservatory

£159,995 EPC=TBA

Hednesford

Sharon Way
•Extended Semi Detached•Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
•Three Bedrooms•Driveway & Garage

£145,000 EPC=C

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Norton Canes

Kingswood Drive
•Link Detached House•Very Well Presented
•Three bedrooms•Lounge & Conservatory

£167,500 EPC=E

Heath Hayes
New

Spindlewood Close
•Semi Detached House•Lounge & Conservatory
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room•Laundry & Guest WC

£159,995 EPC=TBA

Heath Hayes

Capercaillie Drive
•Coach House Apartment•Communal Lobby
•Living Room•Fitted Kitchen

£90,000 EPC=B

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High Street Chasetown

New!

- Three Bed Detached Bungalow
- Fitted Kitchen
- En Suite To Master
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Garage & Driveway
- EPC = C

Offers around £180,000

East Cannock Road Hednesford

New!

£140,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- No Upward Chain
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden To Rear
- Off Road Parking To Front
- EPC = TBA

New Penkridge Road Cannock

New!

£108,500

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Close To Cannock To Centre
- EPC = TBA

Station Court Cannock

New!

- Two Bedroom Mid Terraced House
- Lounge/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- South Facing Garden To Rear
- Allocated Parking
- EPC = B

Offers around £149,995

Price Street Cannock

£44,750

- Over 55's
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Apartment
- Off Road Parking
- Double Glazed
- EPC = C

Woodford End Chadsmoor

£62,500

- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- Ideal For Investor/1st Time Buyer
- One Bedroom
- Spacious Accommodation
- Parking and Garage
- EPC = C

Strathmore Place Cannock

NEW PRICE!

Offers around £280,000

This three bedroom detached house is located within an exclusive Cul-De-Sac of Bungalows, set back from the road and positioned away from traffic. Driveway to the front leads along side a front garden and up to the entrance porch. All bedrooms are set to one side of the property and the day to day living accommodation to the other. Comprising; Entrance Hall, Reception Room, Living Room, fitted kitchen and verandah. All three bedrooms are of ample size to accommodate a double bed and the family bathroom is also of generous proportion. The utility and storage room set the to back of the garage completes the accommodation. A patio extends from the rear of the property to the main lawn. EPC = TBA

The Poplars Cannock

£120,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Designated Parking
- EPC = D

High Street Cheslyn Hay

£125,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC = TBA

Church Hill Hednesford

New Price

- Three Bedroom Traditional Terraced
- Dining Kitchen
- Living Room
- Loft Room
- Separate Garage
- EPC = D

Offers around £125,000

Cowley Green Hednesford

New Price

- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Refitted Wet Room
- Conservatory
- Driveway With Ample Parking
- EPC = D

Offers around £155,000

Beech Grove Cannock

AUCTION

Guide price £75,000

- Auction T&c Apply
- 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached
- Parking to front
- Gardens to Front & Rear
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = D

Gorsemoor Road Heath Hayes

Sold STC

Guide price £75,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bed Semi Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Uility
- Garden to Rear
- EPC = D

Midhurst Drive Hednesford

Sold STC

Guide price £125,000

- Auction T& C Apply
- Four Bed Semi-Detached
- Versatile sitting room
- Parking to front
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = E

Anson Road Great Wyrley

Sold STC

Guide price £60,000

- Auction T&C's Apply
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal For First Buyers
- Rear Garden
- Investment Opportunity
- EPC = TBA

Revival Street Bloxwich

Sold STC

£90,000

- Traditional End Of Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Ground Floor Bathroom
- EPC = D

Herondale Hednesford

Sold STC

£92,500

- Two Bedroom Maisonette
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Gardens
- EPC = D

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Mill Street
Cannock

New!

- Detached House
- Four Bedrooms
- Refitted En Suite Shower Room
- Driveway
- No Upward Chain
- EPC = D

Offers around **£229,950**

Coniston Way
Cannock

New!

- Three Bedroom Link Detached
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Garage
- EPC = D

Offers around **£240,000**

Barn Way
Wimblebury

New!

- Four Bedroom Executive Detached
- Two Reception Rooms
- En Suite To Master
- Landscaped Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway For Two Cars
- EPC = C

Offers around **£250,000**

The Brambles
Norton Canes

£130,000

- Modern Terraced House
- Two Bedrooms
- Fitted Kitchen
- Living Room/Diner
- Allocated Parking
- EPC = C

Ascot Drive
Cannock

£135,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen With Dining Area
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking To Front
- Convenient Access To Town
- EPC = D

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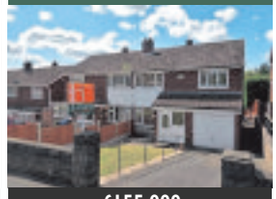
Crab Lane
Chadsmoor

£140,000

- Semi Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- Rear Lounge & Conservatory
- Impressive Refitted Kitchen Diner
- Stylish Refitted Upstairs Bathroom
- EPC = C

Burgoyne Street
Hednesford



£155,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Lounge Diner
- Downstairs WC
- Large Rear Garden
- Garage
- EPC = D

Ford Way
Rugeley

£165,000

- Ideal Family Home
- Three Bedroom Semi Detached
- Kitchen Opening To Conservatory
- Lounge & Study
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- EPC = D

Mill Crescent
Heath Hayes

£185,000

- Detached House
- Three Bedrooms
- 'L' Shaped Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Garage
- EPC = D

Robins Croft
Heath Hayes

£225,000

- Four Bedroom Detached Home
- Popular Residential Estate
- Dining Room, Kitchen
- Utility, Guest WC
- Garage & Parking
- EPC = C

Dartmouth Road
Cannock

£250,000

- Three Bed Detached House
- Desirable Location
- Master With En Suite
- South Facing Garden
- Off Road Parking
- EPC = D

Nelson Drive
Hednesford

£225,000

- Detached House
- Four Good Size Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- No Chain
- EPC = C

March Banks
Rugeley

£195,000

- Four Bedroom Detached House
- Deceptively Spacious
- Great Family Home
- Three Reception Rooms
- Integral Garage
- EPC = C

Charnwood Close
Hednesford

£160,000

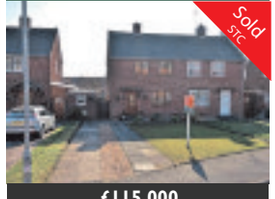
- Three Bedroom House
- Fitted Kitchen & Utility Room
- Lounge
- Ample Storage Space
- Driveway
- EPC = TBA

Stafford Street
Heath Hayes

£120,000

- Traditional Semi Detached House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Low Maintenance Rear Garden
- EPC = TBA

Milton Road
Pye Green



£115,000

- Semi Detached House
- Well Presented Throughout
- Two Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking To Front
- EPC = D

Carfax
Cannock

£75,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Ground Floor
- Bathroom & Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- EPC = TBA

Rugeley
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Jayman

Cannock
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Bank Street, Hednesford

NEW PRICE

Guide Price £75,000

Semi Detached Property
Two Reception Rooms
LIVE AUCTION 9th MARCH
Two Bedrooms
Conservatory
EPC

Limepit Lane, Huntington

NEW PRICE

Price £115,000

Semi Detached
Kitchen & Lounge
Open Aspect
Two Bedrooms
Driveway
EPC C

Cemetery Road, Cannock

NEW PRICE

Offers Around £120,000

Semi Detached Home
Two Reception Rooms
Good sized Garden
Two Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen
EPC C

Woodheyes Lawns, Rugeley

NEW PRICE

Offers Over £150,000

- Extended Semi Detached Bungalow
- Lounge/Diner
- No Upward Chain
- Three Bedrooms
- Fitted kitchen
- EPC

Far Lady Croft, Armitage

NEW PRICE

Price £155,000

Modern Property
Cul De Sac Location
Three Bedrooms
Ideal First Time Buyer/Investment Property
Breakfast Kitchen
EPC RATING B

Beacon Way, Wimblebury

NEW PRICE

Offers Around £155,000

Semi Detached Home
Two Reception Rooms
No Chain
Three Bedrooms
Fitted kitchen & Utility
EPC

St Thomas Way, Rugeley

NEW

Offers Around £175,000

Semi Detached Property
Dining Kitchen
Lounge
Three Bedrooms
Two Bathrooms
EPC B

Pye Green Road, Cannock

NEW

Offers Around £260,000

Detached Family Home
Two Reception Rooms
Good Sized Plot
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen, Utility
EPC

Mr A is a first time buyer who is financially qualified and is looking for a property in Penkridge or Shoal Hill upto £200,000 .. Can you help?

Ascot Drive, Cannock

Offers Around £145,000

Semi Detached
Two Bedrooms
Double Garage
Corner Plot
Kitchen Diner and Lounge
EPC C

Chapel Street, Norton Canes

Offers Over £135,000

Semi Detached Family Home
Lounge/Diner
Conservatory
Three Bedrooms
Games Room
EPC D

Miss G is looking for a 3/4 bedroom detached traditional home in and around Cannock areas..... Can you help?

Millcroft Way, Handsacre

NEW

Offers Around £220,000

Detached Family Home
Two Reception Rooms
Detached garage
Four Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen
EPC

Sunnyside, Holly Lane, Cheslyn Hay

Detached Bungalow
Two Reception Rooms
Dining Kitchen
Detached Garage
No Chain
EPC

Offers Around £275,000

Coalpit Lane, Brereton

NEW PRICE

Offers Around £279,950

Detached Bungalow
Refitted Shower Room
Good sized Garden to rear
Refitted Kitchen
Conservatory
EPC RATING D

The Haven, Sevens Road

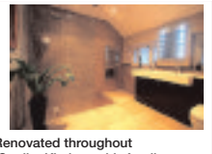
NEW

Detached Dormer Bungalow
Dining Kitchen
Two Bathrooms
Three/Four Bedrooms
Three Reception Rooms
EPC

Offers Around £330,000

Dartmouth Avenue, Cannock

NEW



Detached Bungalow
Two Bedrooms
Good Sized Plot
Fully Renovated throughout
High Quality Kitchen with Appliances
EPC C

Offers Around £345,000

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Rugeley
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Violet Close, Huntington

Price £48,995

Ground Floor Apartment	50% Shared Ownership
Two bedrooms	Convenient Location
Allocated Parking	EPC B

Park Street, Bridgtown

Price £130,000

Semi Detached Home	Two Bedrooms
Lounge and Conservatory	Private Garden
Off Road Parking	EPC C

Kent Road, Walsall

Offers Around £135,000

Semi Detached Property	Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms	Double Storey Extension
Large Frontage	EPC

Hamilton Street, Bloxwich

Offers Around £142,000

Semi Detached Property	Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms	Utility and Conservatory
No Chain	EPC Rating C

Chancery Drive, Hednesford

Offers Around £145,000

Semi Detached Property	Three Bedrooms
Dining Kitchen	Lounge
No Chain	EPC

Poukhill Close, Walsall

Offers Around £159,950

Semi Detached Property	Three Bedrooms
Two Reception Rooms	Garage
No Chain	EPC D

Barn Way, Wimblebury

Offers Around £159,950

Link Semi Detached	Three Bedrooms
Conservatory	Downstairs WC
No Chain	EPC

Edward Street, Cannock

Offers Around £199,950

Detached Home	Three Double Bedrooms
Fitted Kitchen	Lounge/Diner
Conservatory	EPC D

Simpson Close, Armitage

Price £215,000

Flexible Family Living Home	Modern Townhouse in Village Location
Breakfast Kitchen	Master Bedroom with En Suite
Three Further Bedrooms	EPC RATING C

Robins Croft, Heath Hayes

Offers Around £225,000

Three Storey Modern Detached	Four Bedrooms
Two Bathrooms	Two Reception Rooms
Downstairs Cloaks	EPC

Thorn Close, Rugeley

Price £225,000

Detached Family Home	Cul De Sac Location
Two Reception Rooms	Breakfast Kitchen
Four Bedroomed	EPC RATING D

Sedgfield Way, Norton Canes

Offers Around £249,950

Detached Family Home	Four Bedrooms
Ensuite & Family Bathroom	Utility & downstairs Cloaks
Conservatory	EPC

Free Valuations

Covering: Cannock, Hednesford, Rugeley, Lichfield, Burntwood, Tamworth and Brownhills

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Ground Floor
- Impressive Vestibule
- Central Reception Hall
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Study
- Double Glazed Conservatory
- Luxury Breakfast Kitchen
- Inner Hall
- Bedroom Seven
- En-Suite Shower Room
- Utility Room

First Floor
- Central Galleried Landing
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Four En-Suite Bathrooms

Second Floor
- Landing
- Two Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite Shower Room

Outside & General
- Integral Double Garage
- Landscaped Grounds
- Fully Double Glazed
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Under Floor Heating To Ground Floor
- Solar Hot Water System
- Intruder Alarm
- CCTV
- Surround Sound System
- Central Vacuum System
- Integrated Digital Network

No Chain

Impressive Essential To Fully Appreciate This Outstanding Residence

PRICE £850,000 FREEHOLD

APARTMENT 8 ALBRIGHTON HOUSE, 135 ALLPORT STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL APPOINTED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Located In Popular Residential Area Convenient For Facilties At The Town Centre

- Communal hall, stairs & landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge/fitted kitchen area
- Two bedrooms
- Fitted bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Landscaped communal grounds
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating B (85)

£96,950 LEASEHOLD

THE BARN, OFF CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

CHARACTERFUL TWO BEDROOMED BARN CONVERSION
Located In a Most Convenient Position Within This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Market Village

- Entrance lobby and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Central landing
- Two double bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£225,000 FREEHOLD

HIGHFIELD, 122 STREETS LANE, CHESLYN HAY

NO CHAIN

INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETGACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING GROUNDS WHICH EXTENDS TO APPROXIMATELY 0.98 OR AN ACRE
Located In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Verandah and utility
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Detached garage
- Gardens and paddock to 0.98 of an acre
- Oil fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating F (37)

£350,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 5, TEDDESLEY HOUSE, CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT
Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

THE POPLARS, FRANCIS GREEN LANE, PENKRIDGE

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of This Popular South Staffordshire Market Village

- Two reception rooms
- Breakfast kitchen and utility
- Double glazed conservatory
- Four double bedrooms
- Bathroom and shower room
- Integral garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (57)

£395,000

33 PENNINE DRIVE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE OCCUPYING CORNER PLOT GARDENS
In A Sought After Residential Area of The Town

- Reception hall
- Lounge and dining room
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom and separate toilet
- Built-on garage
- Well stocked landscaped gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- All windows double glazed
- EPC rating E (47)

£186,950 FREEHOLD

3 THE POPLARS, OFF EDWARD STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

SEMI DETACHED TWO BEDROOMED BUNGALOW Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac Within Reach of Facilities at Cannock and Hednesford Centre

- Side entrance hall
- Lounge
- Breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Fully double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- EPC rating D (68)

£116,950 FREEHOLD

9 WHITE BARK CLOSE, HEDNESFORD

NO CHAIN

REFITTED MID MEWS HOUSE OFFERING WELL EQUIPPED SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Lounge
- Refitted dining kitchen
- Bedroom
- Refitted bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- No chain
- EPC rating D (67)

£109,950 FREEHOLD

51 HUNTER ROAD, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

IMPROVED THREE BEDROOMED SEMI DETCHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen
- Cloakroom with WC
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Separate toilet
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating D (56)

£116,950 FREEHOLD

87 GORSEY LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY IMPROVED AND EXTENDED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED DETACHED DORMER STYLE FAMILY RESIDENCE OFFERING FLEXIBLE 4/5/6 BEDROOMED ACCOMMODATION located In Much Sought After Residential Area Of The Town

- Reception hall and cloakroom
- 2/3/4 Reception rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen and utility room
- Four first floor bedrooms
- Family bathroom and ensuite
- Integral garage
- Gardens and in and out drive
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (62)

£395,000 FREEHOLD

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11 LANGDALE GREEN, CANNOCK

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Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Enclosed porch
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Predominantly double glazed
- Landing
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Gardens
- EPC rating D (54)

£123,495 FREEHOLD

15 ADAMSON CLOSE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE
Located In Cul-de-sac In Popular Residential Area Of The Town

- Two reception rooms
- Refitted kitchen
- Utility room & cloakroom
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted shower room
- Built-on garage
- South facing rear gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (64)

£249,950 FREEHOLD

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2	SEMI DETACHED	3	£184,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD
3	DETACHED	3	£172,950	AVAILABLE	FREEHOLD

1 CAVERSHAM MEWS, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED 4 DOUBLE BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE OFFERING ACCOMMODATION ON THREE FLOORS
Occupying Corner plot In Rapidly Maturing Residential Area

- Reception hall
- Cloakroom with WC
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Utility room
- Four double bedrooms
- En-suite shower room and bathroom
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£229,950 FREEHOLD

PLOT 9 THE CROSSINGS, MILL STREET, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED NEWLY BUILT MID MEWS HOUSE BUILT TO A HIGH SPECIFICATION
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- Entrance hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Fitted kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Choice of carpets included
- EPC rating B (84)

£145,000 FREEHOLD

278 PYE GREEN ROAD, CANNOCK

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED HOUSE
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities

- Reception hall and cloakroom with WC
- Lounge/dining area
- Kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted bathroom
- Garage and gardens
- Predominantly double glazed
- Gas fired central heating
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (65)

£172,950 FREEHOLD

14 JOHNS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND COMPREHENSIVELY REFURBISHED FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOWLocated In Popular Residential Area Of This Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Refitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms
- Refitted cloaks/ shower room
- Refitted bathroom
- Off road parking
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating: D (66)

£269,950 FREEHOLD

3 NIGHTINGALE CLOSE, HUNTINGTON

NO CHAIN

CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED FIVE BEDROOMS DETACHED HOUSE OFFERING FLEXIBLE ACCOMMODATION
Located In Popular Cul-De-Sac

- Entrance hall and cloakroom
- Lounge and dining area
- Breakfast area/utility room
- Five bedrooms
- Two shower rooms
- Integral garge
- Gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (71)

£235,000 FREEHOLD

FLAT 4 TEDDESLEY HOUSE,CLAY STREET, PENKRIDGE

WELL EQUIPPED FIRST FLOOR TWO BEDROOMED APARTMENT Conveniently Located For Facilities Of The Centre Of The Popular Market Village Of Penkridge

- Communal hall, stairs and landing
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom and en-suite shower room
- Allocated parking space
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating C (80)

£154,950

PINE LODGE, 2 HIGH PARK, STAFFORD

IMPROVED AND EXTENDED FLEXIBLE FOUR BEDROOMED DETACHED FAMILY RESIDENCE OF CONSIDERABLE CHARACTER
Located In A Much Sought After Established Residential Area Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre

- Four bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Two receptions rooms
- Breakfast kitchen
- Utility/rear porch
- Detached garage
- Gardens and secure parking for caravan, boat etc
- Gas fired central heating
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating E (46)

£345,000 FREEHOLD

11A FIELD STREET, CANNOCK

WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Position Convenient For Facilities Locally

- Lounge and dining area
- Kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Intruder alarm
- EPC rating D (63)

£164,950 FREEHOLD

31 BEECH TREE LANE, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

EXTENDED THREE BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Much Sought After Residential Area of the Town

- Entrance lobby
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Built on garage
- Well stocked gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (48)

£235,000 FREEHOLD

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INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED WELL APPOINTED FLEXIBLE 3/4 BEDROOMED DETACHED RESIDENCE WHICH HAS BEEN CONSIDERABLY EXTENDED AND IMPROVED LOCATED IN VERY POPULAR RURAL POSITION ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF CANNOCK

- Enclosed Porch
- Central Reception Hall
- Lounge
- Dining Room/Bedroom Four
- Well Equipped Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Bedroom Two
- Shower Room
- Galleried Landing
- Two First Floor Bedrooms
- Split Level Bathroom
- Integral Double Width Garage
- Well Stocked Grounds
- Gas Fired Central Heating
- Predominantly Double Glazed & Intruder Alarm
- EPC rating D (67)

Inspection Highly Recommended To Fully Appreciate This Quality Property

PRICE £456,950 : FREEHOLD

45A NORTON LANE, GREAT WYRLEY

WELL EQUIPPED INDIVIDUALLY DESIGNED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW OCCUPYING LARGER GARDENS
In Popular Residential Area In This Much Sought After South Staffordshire Village

- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Two double bedrooms
- Bathroom and ensuite shower room
- Detached garage
- Larger gardens
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating D (63)

£284,950 FREEHOLD

1 HOLLYOAK WAY, CANNOCK

NO CHAIN

WELL EQUIPPED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT CONSTRUCTED IN 2002
Located In Much Sought After Cul-De-Sac Conveniently Located For Facilities at The Town Centre

- Communal hall with security phone system
- Lounge
- Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Off road parking
- Communal grounds
- Electric heating
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating E (49)

£129,950

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Located Conveniently For Penkridge Village Centre
- Reception hall
- Lounge
- Fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Bathroom
- Intercom access
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Allocated parking
- EPC rating: C (79)

£525 pcm

37 HODSON WAY, HEATH HAYES
SUPERB WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM MID MEWS HOUSE
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Gas central heating
- Garden
- Off road parking
- Sorry no DSS, pets or smokers
- EPC rating: D (63)

£675 pcm

55 NEWHALL STREET, CANNOCK
THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED HOUSE
Conveniently Located For Facilities At The Town Centre
- Lounge & sitting room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Cellar
- Three bedrooms
- En-suite shower room
- Gas central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no smokers, pets or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£595 pcm

4 SMITHY PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Lounge
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- Oil fired central heating
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: tbc

£595 pcm

1A HOLDEN CRESCENT, COALPOOL, WALSALL
ONE BEDROOM FIRST FLOOR FLAT
- Hall
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- Economy 7 Heating
- Double glazed
- DSS considered
- Sorry no smokers or pets
- EPC rating: D

£325 pcm

16 LOVE LANE, RUGELEY
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOM PARK HOME
Located On Well Maintained Site Convenient For Facilities
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Two bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Fully double glazed
- LPG central heating
- Gardens
- Allocated parking
- Sorry not pets, smokers or DSS
- No persons under the age of 50

£450 pcm

3 CORNWALL ROAD, HEDNESFORD
WELL EQUIPPED TWO BEDROOMED DETACHED BUNGALOW
Located In Popular Residential Area Of The Town Convenient For Facilities At The Town Centre
- Recessed porch
- area & reception hall
- Lounge & kitchen area
- Two double bedrooms
- Wet room shower room
- UPVC double glazed conservatory
- Carport
- Gas fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (60)

£725 pcm

AWAITING PHOTO

7 HOLLIES AVENUE, CANNOCK
WELL PRESENTED THREE BEDROOM SEMI DETACHED THREE STOREY HOUSE
Convenient For Local Facilities
- Cloakroom with WC
- Study & utility room
- Lounge
- Dining kitchen
- Three bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- En-suite shower room
- Integral garage
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS
- EPC rating: D (67)

£775 pcm

2 MILL PLACE, TEDDESLEY PARK ESTATE, PENKRIDGE
WELL EQUIPPED SINGLE STOREY BARN CONVERSION
Situated On The Picturesque Rural Estate Of Teddesley Park
- Lounge
- Fitted dining kitchen
- Inner hall
- Two double bedrooms
- Family bathroom
- Oil fired central heating
- Fully double glazed
- Communal grounds and parking
- Sorry no pets, smokers or DSS allowed
- EPC rating: C (77)

£675 pcm

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- Family Bathroom
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- Gas central heating and double glazing
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- Utility Room
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- Single Garage

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- Conservatory
- Front/Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Separate Dining Room

£615 PCM

TO LET

Upper Brook Street

First Floor Suite Of Offices

- Three Offices
- Storage Area On Second Floor
- Toilet
- Kitchen Area

£3000 P.A.

TO LET

Sharnbrook Drive Rugeley

A Three Bedroom Detached House

- Gas Central Heating
- Double Glazed
- NO PETS. NO SMOKING
- UNABLE TO ACCEPT HOUSING BENEFIT APPLICATIONS
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

£675 PCM

TO LET

Lion Street

1 Bedroom Ground Floor Apartment

- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bedroom
- Bathroom
- AGENCY FEES APPLY

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LOT 1

8 CLARENCE ROAD, BILSTON, WV14 6NZ
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- EPC rating D (63)

GUIDE PRICE £60,000-£80,000

LOT 2

ROSE COTTAGE, 73 HEATH GAP ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 6DS
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached house
- Requires comprehensive refurbishment
- Three bedooms
- Part gas fired central heating (Not tested)
- Fully double glazed
- EPC rating F (35)

GUIDE PRICE £70,000-£80,000

LOT 3

LAND ADJ. 29 BROWNHILLS ROAD, NORTON CANES, WS11 9SD

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Parcel of Freehold land
- Located with village of Norton Canes
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LOT 4

LAND REAR OF 374 CEMETERY ROAD, CANNOCK, WS11 4AY

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Good sized building plot in popular residential area
- Frontage 9.74m or thereabouts
- Depth 32.00m or thereabouts
- Area 312 m² of thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £38,000+

LOT 5

BUILDING PLOT ADJ. 3 HUNTERS RIDE, STAFFORD, ST17 9HU

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Building plot having Planning Permission for erection of one three bedroomed detached house
- Width at building line - 7.2m (23ft 7ins) Approx
- Maximum depth - 32m (104ft 11ins) Approx
- Area - 240m (287 sq yards) or thereabouts

GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000

LOT 6

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- Ripe for early development

GUIDE PRICE £200,000-£250,000

LOT 7

189 GOLDTHORN HILL, WOLVERHAMPTON, WV2 4QB
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Substantial end terraced house
- Lounge and dining room
- Conservatory/sun lounge
- Three bedrooms
- Off road parking
- Predominantly double glazed
- Convenient for Wolverhampton City Centre
- EPC rating E (52)

GUIDE PRICE £125,000+

LOT 8

PASTURE LAND FRONTING RUGELEY ROAD, CHASE TERRACE, BURNTWOOD, WS15 4RX

FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Irregular shaped parcel of pasture land
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LOT 9

BUILDING PLOT ADJ. HORSEFAIR COTTAGE, 90 BELLBROOK, PENKRIDGE, ST19 5DL

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- Rare opportunity to acquire a good sized individual building plot
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- Located in conservation area of Penkridge

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LOT 10

CHERITON, 524 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYLREY, WS6 6HX
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached bungalow
- Two bedrooms
- Predominantly double glazed
- In need of refurbishment
- Larger gardens
- EPC rating F (26)

GUIDE PRICE £160,000-£170,000

LOT 11

174 WALSALL ROAD, GREAT WYRLEY, WS6 6NQ
FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION
- Detached house occupying prominent corner plot
- Three bedrooms
- Gas fired central heating (Not tested)
- Predominantly double glazed
- EPC rating C (70)

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£395,000

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A traditional mid-terraced property benefiting from Gas Central Heating and Double Glazing. Accommodation comprises of Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Ground Floor Shower Room, Landing, Two Bedrooms and Courtyard to rear. NO UPWARD CHAIN. EPC RATING - E

£520 pcm

FARM CLOSE
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- DETACHED
- THREE/FOUR BED
- SPACIOUS ACCOMMODATION
- SOUGHT AFTER LOCATION

£195,000

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EPC RATING - D

£99,995

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EPC RATING - C

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£520 pcm

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RUGELEY

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Four Bedroom Detached Character Property / Sought After Location / Picturesque Views Of The Countryside To The Front / Useful Ground Floor Bedroom With En-Suite

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Three Bedroom Semi Detached House / Modernised & Finished To A Good Standard / Large Plot / Potential For Rear Extension / Spacious Living & Sleeping Accommodation

£170,000

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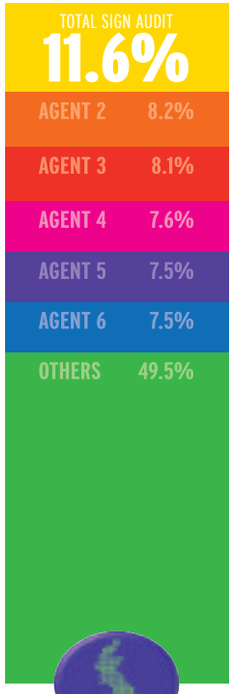

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- Modern Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- DG & GCH
- Allocated Parking
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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
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- Three Bedrooms
- In Need of Upgrade
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- Ideal Investor Purchase
- Garage & Gardens
- No Upward Chain
- Early Viewing Essential

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THE LAURELS, RUGELEY

- Mid Terraced Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- DG & GCH
- Scheme Managed
- Pleasant Position
- Shower Room
- Age Restrictions Apply
- Must Be Viewed

£112,000

CHIEVELEY CLOSE, RUGELEY

NEW

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Open Plan Lounge Diner
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens Front & Rear
- No Upward Chain

£134,950

WHARF ROAD, RUGELEY

NEW

- Mid Terraced Home
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Private Rear Garden
- Allocated Off Road Parking
- Sought After Location
- Early Viewing Advised

£115,000

FINCHES HILL, RUGELEY

- Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Freehold
- No Upward Chain
- Viewing Recommended

£175,000

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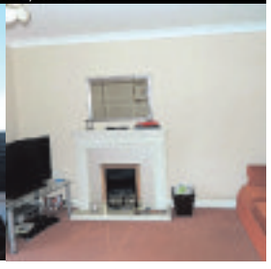

- Semi Detached Home
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- Lounge & Games Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens To Front & Rear
- Etchinghill
- Must Be Viewed

£215,000

STONE HOUSE ROAD, RUGELEY

NEW

- Detached Home
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Breakfasting Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms
- Office/Study
- Garage/Secure parking
- Countryside location
- Must be Viewed

£549,950

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Driveway
- Gardens Front & Rear
- In Need of Modernisation
- No Chain

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- Kitchen & Utility Area
- Garage & Off Road Parking
- GCH & DG
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- Must be Viewed

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- 1 Bed Ground Floor Flat
- Lounge/ Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric heating/DG
- Parking
- Energy rating C
- NO DSS or PETS

£350 pcm

WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD, CANNOCK

- One Bedroom GFF
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Electric Heating
- Double Glazing
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating G
- No DSS/Pets

£375 pcm

LINDEN VIEW, HEDNESFORD

- One Bed House
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Elec Heating & DG
- Garden & Garage
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£425 pcm

WOOTTONS COURT, CANNOCK

- One Bed GFF
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Elec Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Energy Rating D
- NO DSS/ Pets

£425 pcm

PENNY COURT

- 2 Bed FF Flat
- Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Electric Heating
- DG, Parking
- EPC Pending
- NO DSS/Pets

£450 pcm

COTTON GROVE, HEDNESFORD

Available Soon

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- Gardens
- Driveway
- Energy Rating C
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- Open Plan Lounge/Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Off Road Parking
- Garage
- Energy Rating D
- No DSS/Pets

£600 pcm

ELLESMERE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Three Bed Semi
- Lounge/diner
- Modern Kitchen
- Bathroom, GCH
- Garden & Drive
- Energy Rating E
- NO DSS OR PETS

£625 pcm

CHAPEL STREET, HEATH HAYES

- 3 Bed Semi
- Lounge/ Kitchen
- Dining Room
- En Suite Shower
- DG/GCH
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£83,000 NO CHAIN

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- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Ideal FTB or BTL

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CLARION WAY, CANNOCK

- A Spacious Two Bedroom Semi Detached House
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- Kitchen, Lounge-Diner
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Generous Front & Rear Gardens
- Parking to Front (kerb currently not dropped)
- Viewing Recommended

£112,000

NELSON DRIVE, WIMBLEBURY

- A Well Presented Mid Terraced House
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden
- Driveway

£115,000 No Chain

HOBBY WAY, HEATH HAYES

- A Modern Well Presented First Floor Apartment.
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- Open Plan Lounge/ Breakfast Kitchen Area
- Fitted Bathroom
- Allocated Parking
- Security Intercom System
- Viewing Highly Recommended

£120,000

STONEY LEA ROAD, CANNOCK

- A Well Presented Traditional Semi Detached House
- GCH/ DG
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Rear Garden
- Ideal FTB or Investment Buy

£115,000 No Chain

HUNTINGTON TERRACE ROAD, CANNOCK

- Spacious Semi Detached House
- Modern Kitchen
- Lounge-Diner
- Guest WC &
- Conservatory
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Study
- Bathroom
- Driveway & Gardens

£130,000 No Chain

WALSALL ROAD, CANNOCK

- Well Presented & Spacious Semi
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Utility & WC
- Three Bedrooms
- Family Bathroom
- Well Presented Gardens
- Driveway

£151,900

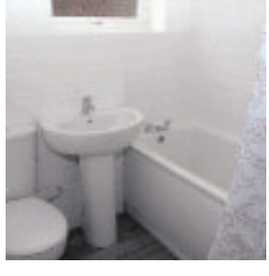
GEORGE STREET, HEDNESFORD

PROPERTY OF THE WEEK

- Well Presented & Extended Semi Detached
- Kitchen
- Family Lounge-Diner
- Dining Room/Sitting Room
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom, Good Size Rear Garden
- Driveway

£159,995

KINGSDOWN ROAD, BURNTWOOD



- An Extended Much Improved Semi Detached House
- GCH/ DG (where specified)
- Entrance Porch, Hallway
- Lounge, Separate Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Rear Garden, Garage & Driveway
- Viewing Highly Recommended

£160,000 No Chain

BERRY HILL, HEDNESFORD

- A Well Presented Semi Detached House
- Sought After Location
- Kitchen, Lounge
- Two/Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Garage & Driveway
- Rear Garden

£155,000 No Chain

TELFORD AVENUE, GREAT WYRLEY

- Very Well Presented & Spacious House
- Family Lounge & Dining Room
- Modern Kitchen
- Playroom/Study
- Three Bedrooms
- Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Good Size Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

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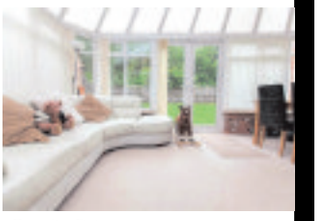
NEW

HEDNESFORD
FISHER STREET

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Porch, Hall
- Spacious Lounge
- Conservatory
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility
- 2 Bedrooms, Shower Room
- Garage, Parking

£165,000

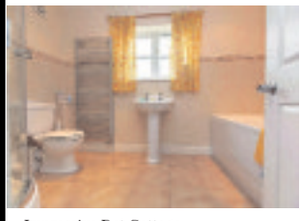
HUNTINGTON
COLLIERS WAY



- 6 BEDROOM DETACHED
- COMPETITIVELY PRICED
- Through Hallway, Guest WC
- Lounge, Dining kitchen
- Conservatory, 2 Bathrooms
- En-suite, Det. garage
- Private driveway

£269,950

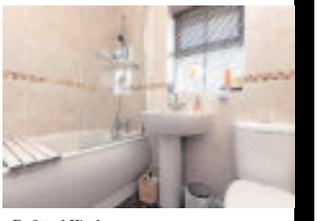
BROWNHILLS
PELSALL ROAD



- Impressive Det Cottage
- Set within private grounds
- Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen
- Dining Area, Guest WC
- Five Beds, 2 En-Suites
- Family Bathroom
- Det. Oak Frame games room
- P/P FOR 3 BED COTTAGE

£370,000

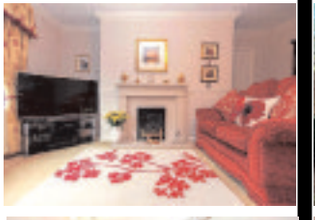
WIMBLEBURY
FOXTAIL WAY



- 4 Bed Family Home
- Through Hallway
- Guest WC, Lounge
- Dining Room
- Refitted Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Family Bathroom
- En-suite, Garage

£229,950

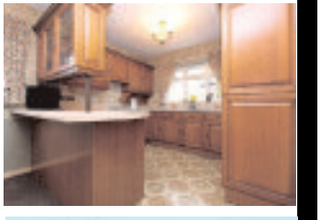
GREAT WYRLEY
BROADMEADOW LANE



- Detached House
- Porch, Entrance Hallway
- Lounge, Kitchen
- Dining Room, Conservatory
- Sitting Area/Snug
- Study/Bed 4
- Refitted Bathroom
- Four Beds
- Refitted Shower Room
- Store Room/Workshop

£269,950

HEDNESFORD
LITTLEWORTH ROAD



- Detached Bungalow
- Hallway
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Guest W.C.
- Bathroom
- Field views
- Cul-de-sac
- No Chain

£280,000

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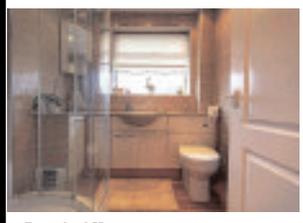

- Detached House
- Through Hallway
- Guest W.C.
- Lounge
- Dining Room/ Sitting Room
- Kitchen, Utility
- Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

£259,950

BLACKFORDS
SMILLIE PLACE

- Semi Detached
- Hallway, Lounge/diner
- Kitchen.
- Utility Room
- 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Separate WC.

£95,000

HEDNESFORD
SANDPIPER CLOSE

- Ground Floor Maisonette
- Through Hallway
- Lounge/ Diner
- Kitchen
- Double Bedroom
- Bathroom

Offers Over £70,000

CHESLYN HAY
PINFOLD LANE

- Extended Detached
- Through Hallway
- Guests W.C.
- Lounge, Dining Room
- Playroom, Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory, 4 Beds
- En-suite, Bathroom
- Gated Driveway, Double Garage
- Early Viewing Essential

£395,000

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PORTLAND PLACE

- NO CHAIN
- Semi Detached
- Lounge/diner
- Refitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms, Refitted Bathroom
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CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

Unfurnished, Semi Detached, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, 3 Bedrooms, Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating F

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished, Semi Detached, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, Rear Garden, EPC Rating C

£625 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

GREAT WYRLEY
NORFOLK GROVE

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, Garden, EPC Rating E

£575 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
MOUNT STREET

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Garden, Parking, EPC Rating D

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
GORSEMOOR ROAD

Unfurnished, Semi Detached House, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating E

£525 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD

Unfurnished, Detached Cottage, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Study, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Allocated Parking, EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEATH HAYES
CANNOCK ROAD

Unfurnished, First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
GREENSLADE GROVE

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£410 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Shower Room, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating D

£400 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
CEDAR CLOSE

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, 4 Storage Cupboards, Rear Garden, EPC Rating C

£395 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

WILLENHALL
CIRCUIT CLOSE

Unfurnished, First Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

HEDNESFORD
CASA MIA COURT

Unfurnished, Ground Floor Flat, Lounge, Kitchen, 1 Bedroom, Bathroom, Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating C

£375 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

SHOAL HILL
SANDY COURT

Unfurnished, Apartment, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, En Suite, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Parking, EPC Rating B

£675 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

CANNOCK
STONEYFIELDS CLOSE

Unfurnished, Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, GCH & DG, Garden, Garage, EPC Rating D

£675 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
STONEY LANE

Unfurnished, Town House, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Rear Garden, Parking, EPC Rating B

£550 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

BLOXWICH
MAY STREET

Unfurnished, Terrace House, Lounge, Kitchen, 2 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Garden, EPC Rating D

£495 pcm & FEES - NO DSS

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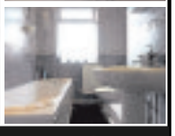
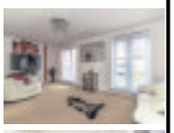


James Street, Cannock **£99,950**

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this immaculately presented traditional two bedroom semi detached home with a recently landscaped garden. Whether your downsizing or buying your first home this property is a must view to fully appreciate! The property briefly comprises of a entrance, reception room, family lounge, under stairs storage cupboard, modern fitted kitchen with an additional utility room. On the first floor there is a modern fitted family bathroom with wash hand basin, bath, shower and WC as well as two double bedrooms. Externally to the rear there is a recently landscaper garden which consists of a entertaining patio area, separate lawned area, large gated side access which could be for the use of storage and white stone gravel beds amongst the perimeter of the garden. Energy rating: F.

Bridgetown



Dorney Place, Bridgetown **O.O £105,000**

Connells Estate Agents are delighted to present for sale this modern two bedroom upper floor, luxury apartment in Bridgetown offering good access onto the A5 and the M6 Toll and has it's very own parking space. Energy rating: B.

Cheslyn Hay

Hill Street, Cheslyn Hay **offers over £115,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two bedroom semi detached property in Cheslyn Hay and is within the catchment area to Cheslyn Hay High School and Glenthorne Primary School.
The property compromises of a family lounge, dining room with patio doors leading out to a large rear garden, modern fitted kitchen, rear hall which leads to downstairs bathroom. Upstairs there are two generous double bedrooms. To the rear there is an entertainment patio area and a lawned area whilst to the front there is a garage. Energy Rating - Awaited

Huntington

Willow Walk, Huntington **£115,000**

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this traditional three bedroom semi-detached property positioned in a popular residential location and walking distance to the prestigious Cannock Chase. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, large modern fitted kitchen diner, utility room, family lounge. On the first floor there is a family bathroom with WC and bath, separate WC, airing cupboard which houses combi boiler, three bedrooms all of a good size. Externally to the front there is a lawn area, pathway with both steps and a sloped path down to entrance. To the rear there is a side gated access to front, entertaining patio area with steps up to separate lawn area. Energy rating: awaited.

REDUCED

Heath Street, Hednesford **o.i.r.o £130,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious two double bedroom semi-detached property in Hednesford complete with a driveway to the front and a large rear garden. Energy rating: D.

Great Wyrley

Walsall Road, Great Wyrley **£130,000**

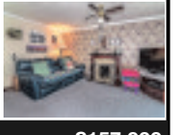
How many two bedrooms have you seen with two bathrooms including an EN-SUITE???
Internally, this property has a lounge, dining room, downstairs bathroom and kitchen with the upstairs having two bedrooms, one with EN-SUITE.
To the rear there is a patio area and separate lawn area with side access

Hednesford

Mount Avenue, Hednesford **£130,000**

Connells Estate Agents have for sale this modern and spacious three bedroom sem-detached property with off road parking and a garage to the rear, situated in the Hednesford area of Cannock this property is a must view to fully appreciate throughout! Briefly comprises of a entrance hall, family lounge, open plan modern fitted kitchen diner, huge conservatory with french doors out to the garden. On the first floor there is a modern fitted bathroom, wash hand basin and WC, as well as THREE bedrooms. To the front the property provides a driveway which continues down to the parking area at the rear along with a private garage. Energy Rating: E

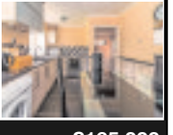
Hednesford



Evergreen Heights, **£157,000**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious three bedroom semi-detached property in Hednesford complete with a block paved driveway and garage.

Penkridge



Wolgarston Way, Penkridge **£165,000**

This three bedroom semi detached property with garage and off road parking in the beautiful market town; Penkridge. Briefly comprising of an entrance hall, lounge overlooking the rear garden, kitchen / diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom, both front and rear gardens. Energy rating: E.

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CHESLYN HAY

Mount Close, Cheslyn Hay **£165,000**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this deceptively spacious THREE bedroom TWO STOREY semi-detached bungalow in CHESLYN HAY. Presented in good condition this property is a must to view!!!

Great Wyrley

Manor Avenue, Great Wyrley **£169,950**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this three bedroom semi-detached property in Great Wyrley which is within the catchment area to Saint Thomas More, Moat Hill and Great Wyrley High School. The property comprises of lounge, dining room which is open plan to the kitchen, downstairs bathroom, three bedrooms. You also have a large block paved driveway which allows vehicle access through to the rear garden. Energy Rating - D.

Cannock

Redwing Drive, Cannock **£175,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom semi detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, downstairs WC, lounge , dining room, kitchen, four bedrooms, off road parking and patio and lawned garden.

Hednesford

Bond Way, Hednesford **£199,950**

CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are pleased to market for sale this FOUR bedroom DETACHED property in Hednesford which is within the catchment area to PYE GREEN ACADEMY.
The property comprises of lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, four bedrooms, bathroom with separate toilet. Being a CORNER PLOT you have a large driveway and a good size rear garden.

GREAT WYRLEY

Hilton Lane, Great Wyrley **£200,000**

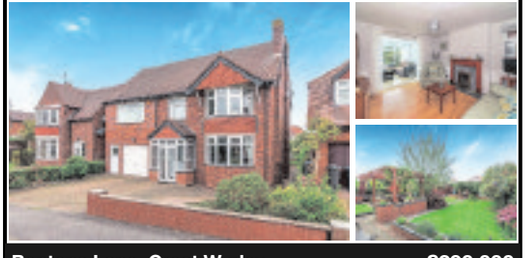
CONNELLS ESTATE AGENTS are delighted to present for sale this unique CORNER PLOT, three bedroom semi-detached Family home located in Great Wyrley which has a large driveway to the front and a huge garage with an upper level. Upper level to garage is currently being used as an office.

Cannock

Newlands Court, Cannock **£280,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market this four bedroom detached property located in Cannock which briefly comprises of entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, conservatory, four bedrooms masther having en-suite and garden. Energy rating: awaited.

Great Wyrley



Bentons Lane, Great Wyrley **£290,000**

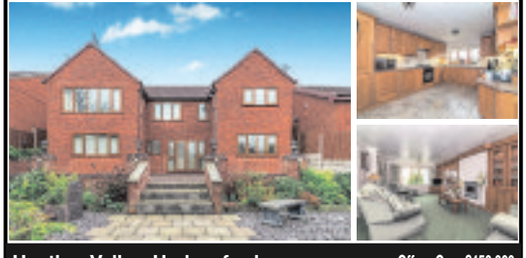
This family friendly home with great entertaining space and generous accommodation through out hosts an impressive five bedrooms and is detached so it really is a must view to fully appreciate not only the space, but the period features also. The property briefly comprises of entrance to a porch, grand reception hall, family lounge, an additional sitting area, conservatory, fitted kitchen and separate dining area, utility with access to the garage. Upstairs there are five bedrooms and this property has both a family bathroom and a family shower room all on the first floor!

Grove Cottage, Cheslyn Hay

Wolverhampton Road, Cheslyn Hay **£435,000**

A rare opportunity to purchase this charming and highly deceptive DETACHED Cottage.. Situated in the Village of Cheslyn Hay and set on almost an acre of land including a double garage.. this is a fine example of traditional living at its best! the cottage briefly comprises of entrance hall downstairs WC with wash hand basin, family lounge full of character including a featured brick fire place and ceiling beams, dining room, an additional reception room which comes with it's very own Mixer drinking bar and could be even used as a downstairs bedroom, modern fitted kitchen with breakfast bar and stable door out to garden. on the first floor there is a modern fitted family bathroom with jacuzzi bath, separate shower, wash hand basin and WC. As well as four double bedrooms with the master benefiting from having fitted wardrobes and en suite with shower, wash hand basin and WC. Externally the property is situated on almost an acre of land with wrap around gardens to the front, side and rear and shrubs amongst. There is a private gated access which continues down as a driveway and hosts parking for several cars and access to double garage. Energy rating: E.

Hednesford



Heather Valley, Hednesford **Offers Over £450,000**

Connells Estate Agents are pleased to market for sale this elegant, FIVE bedroom detached family home. Commanding an impressive position, the property boasts flexible living accommodation and is set over two floors. The first floor entrance level and lower ground level both provide generous sleeping arrangements as well as multiple bathrooms and en-suites. Situated in a modern quiet cul-de-sac this property is a short distance away from the desirable Cannock Chase, Hednesford train station and Kingsmead College. On the first floor the property briefly comprises of entrance upper hallway, lounge, dining room, modern fitted kitchen, utility room, two bedrooms with one benefitting from having an en-suite and family bathroom. you then decent to the lower floor where you will find; two double bedrooms with one benefitting from having large fitted wardrobes and an en-suite, large shower room, second lounge / fifth bedroom, with french doors out on to the patio terrace. Externally, to the front the property provides a block paved driveway for multiple cars as well as a larger than average garage. To the rear there is a beautifully designed garden amongst a selection of shrubs and separate patio area. Energy Rating: D.

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£167,500

NEW & SOLD

Chase Terrace

School Lane

- An extended three bedroom semi-detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, lounge/dining room, dining kitchen, guest W.C, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, fore & rear gardens and ample parking.

£169,950

NEW & SOLD

Burntwood

Ferndale Close

- A re-furbished three bedroom mid town house. GCH, DG, porch, spacious lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, 3 bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and off road parking.

£125,000

NEW

Burntwood

Myatt Avenue

A spacious four double bedroom dorma style smi-detached property with a conservatory, GCH, DG, Spacious hallway, Lounge with fireplace, Fitted kitchen, Conservatory, Study/ versatile room, Downstairs bathroom, First floor W.C, Garage, Driveway, Rear garden

£210,000

NEW

Burntwood

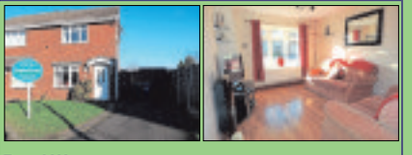
Ferndale Close

- A three bedroom mid terrace, GCH, DG, porch, fitted breakfast kitchen, spacious lounge, conservatory, three bedrooms, shower room, loft room, rear garden, parking and a garage.

£130,000

NEW

Hednesford



Bond Way

- A modern style two double bedroom semi-detached property offered with no onward chain. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, kitchen/ diner, bathroom, two bedrooms, rear garden and ample parking.

£129,950

NEW

Burntwood

Russett Close

- A well presented and upgraded 3 bedroom end terrace property. GCH, DG, entrance porch, lounge, re-fitted kitchen and bathroom, 3 bedrooms, fore & rear gardens, garage and ample parking.

£127,500

NEW

Burntwood

Glenmore Avenue

- A Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid-Terraced Property, GCH, DG, Entrance Porch, Spacious Lounge, Re-Fitted Kitchen/Diner, Shower Room, Rear Garden

£125,000

NEW

Burntwood

Lichfield Road

- A well appointed traditional two bedroom semi-detached property. GCH System, D/G, hall, lounge, breakfast kitchen, utility area, study area, two bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden & parking.

£175,000

FIVE BEDS

Brownhills

Hednesford Road

A well presented five bedroom detached family home, GCH, DG, Hallway, Lounge, Dining room, Kitchen, Utility, Downstairs W.C, Five bedrooms, Master with En-suite, Bathroom, Conservatory, Garage

Offers over £230,000

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Hednesford

Cannock Road

- A spacious five bedroom detached family home. GCH, DG, hall, lounge, d/room. kitchen, utility, d/stairs bedroom with en-suite, guest W.C, four bedrooms, bathroom, en-suite, rear garden and parking.

£245,000

NO CHAIN

Norton Canes

Norton East Road

A Well Presented Three Bedroom Semi-Detached Property With Conservatory & No Upward Chain, GCH, DG, Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Bathroom, Garage, Rear Garden, Off Road Parking

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Viewing is recommended on this modern, three bedroom detached family property occupying a corner plot position.

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An immaculate and spacious three bedroom, modern detached property being sold with no upward chain and located within a cul-de-sac.

Railway View, Hednesford

£185,000

This modern double fronted, three storey detached property benefits from four bedrooms is being sold with vacant possession.

Berwyn Grove, Cheslyn Hay

£150,000

Viewing is recommended on this two bedroom semi detached bungalow being sold with vacant possession.

Wolverhampton Road, Wedges Mills

£140,000

A well presented semi detached property comprising two bedrooms, extended modern style kitchen, garden and residents parking.

Mulberry Road, Cannock

£120,000

Viewing is recommended on this well presented and much improved two bedroom semi detached property located within a cul-de-sac.

Brownhills Road, Norton Canes

£120,000

Viewing is recommended on this recently improved two bedroom semi detached property which is close to Chase Water, an area for outdoor leisure.

Hill Street, Cheslyn Hay

£110,000

A three bedroom traditional semi detached property being sold with vacant possession and in need of cosmetic improvements.

Bowes Drive, Cannock

£100,000

Viewing is recommended on this improved three bedroom semi detached property being sold with no onward chain.

Elm Road, Norton Canes

£95,000

A three bedroom mid terraced property in need of cosmetic improvements and being sold with vacant possession.

Ball Lane, Coven Heath

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NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
WALSALL ROAD

- Impressive detatched family home
- Two storey rear extension
- Extended lounge, family room, study
- Kitchen/diner, utility, guest WC
- 4 bedrooms with ensuites, bathroom
- Gardens, driveway parking
- Spacious detached triple garage
- EPC rating E

Offers around £425,000

BLOXWICH
CATCHES DRIVE

- Modern detached house
- Immaculate, contemporary interiors
- Two storey extension
- 2 receptions, kitchen / diner
- 4 bedrooms (2 ensuites), bathroom
- Gardens, off road parking
- Viewing essential
- EPC rating C

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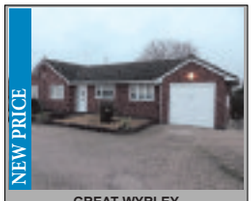
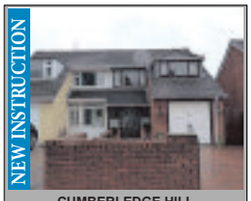


NEW PRICE

GREAT WYRLEY
SPRING DRIVE

- Impressive detached bungalow
- Private Cul-de-Sac location
- Spacious lounge, kitchen
- Dining room / large conservatory
- 2 double bedrooms
- Bathroom, guest WC
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £269,950



NEW INSTRUCTION

CUMBERLEDGE HILL
CANNOCK WOOD

- Extended semi detached home
- Three bedrooms
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Dining Kitchen
- Sunroom/dining area
- Garage & driveway
- Village location
- Awaiting EPC rating

£250,000

HAYFIELD HILL
CANNOCK WOOD

- Semi detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Tandem garage & off road parking
- Village location
- Stunning views to the rear
- Private rear garden
- EPC rating C

£250,000

NIGHTINGALE COURT
BURNTWOOD

- Second floor penthouse
- Sought after location
- Three bedrooms
- Fully fitted kitchen
- Bathroom & en-suite
- Two allocated parking spaces
- Communal garden & grounds
- EPC rating C

Offers Over £230,000

GREAT WYRLEY
JOHNS LANE

- Extended detached house
- Superb corner plot
- Off road parking for several cars
- Through lounge / dining room
- Extended breakfast kitchen
- Three bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway, garage / workshop
- EPC rating D

Offers around £225,000

CHESLYN HAY
WOODMAN LANE

- Semi-detached period house
- Superb Cul-de-Sac location
- Exuding charm & character
- 2 receptions, breakfast kitchen
- 4 bedrooms, shower room
- Laundry room, office / store room
- Garden, driveway, garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £220,000

PYE GREEN ROAD
CANNOCK

- Semi detached property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Garage & off road parking
- Close to Cannock Town Centre
- No upward chain
- EPC rating C

Offers Over £200,000

ESSINGTON
UPPER SNEYD ROAD

- Superb detached residence
- Pleasant outlook to the front
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge, kitchen / diner
- 3 bedrooms, shower room
- Gardens, driveway parking
- Detached single garage
- EPC rating D

Offers around £189,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
POOL VIEW

- Extended semi detached home
- Prime residential location
- Impressive lounge, dining room
- Fitted kitchen, utility, WC
- 3 bedrooms, bathroom
- Driveway, garage, gardens
- Viewing recommended
- EPC rating to follow

Offers around £174,950

NEW INSTRUCTION

CHORLEY ROAD
BURNTWOOD

- Cottage style semi detached
- Three bedrooms
- Shower room
- Contemporary kitchen/diner
- Utility & GF bathroom
- Gated parking to side
- No upward chain
- Awaiting EPC rating

£170,000

CHESLYN HAY
MOUNT CLOSE

- Superb semi-detached bungalow
- Prime Cul-de-Sac location
- Lounge with wood burning fire
- Extended kitchen / dining room
- 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Spacious loft / storage room
- Gardens, driveway, garage
- EPC rating E

Offers around £169,950

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LEAFENDEN AVENUE
BURNTWOOD

- End terrace property
- Three bedrooms
- Spacious rear garden
- Conservatory
- Open plan kitchen/diner
- Re-fitted bathroom
- Garage in separate block
- EPC rating D

£140,000

TURNBERRY, BLOXWICH
SELSDON ROAD

- Superb mid-terraced property
- Sought after Cul-de-Sac location
- Would suit investor or first time buyer
- Lounge, kitchen, conservatory
- 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Good sized rear garden
- 2 allocated parking spaces
- EPC rating C

Offers around £132,500

BROWNHILLS ROAD
NORTON CANES

- Vastly extended semi-detached
- Spacious lounge/diner
- Ensuite to master bedroom
- Utility room/shower room
- Conservatory
- Ample parking
- Private rear garden
- EPC rating C

Offers Over £130,000

PYE GREEN ROAD
CANNOCK

- Semi detached family home
- Three bedrooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Lounge
- Family bathroom
- Off road parking
- Ideal first time or investment buy
- EPC rating E

£125,000

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- Superb period semi
- Well presented interiors
- Lounge, dining room
- Modern fitted kitchen
- 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Brick built 'utility' shed
- Gardens. Cellar
- EPC rating F

Offers around £119,950

PRINCESS STREET
CANNOCK

- Semi detached property
- Two double bedrooms
- Spacious living/dining room
- Kitchen
- Driveway
- Large rear garden
- No upward chain
- EPC rating E

Offers Over £100,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

GREAT WYRLEY
PENNY COURT

- Spacious first floor apartment
- Popular village location
- Ideal first time buyer/investor property
- Lounge/dining room, breakfast kitchen
- 2 double bedrooms, bathroom
- Communal grounds and parking
- No upward chain
- EPC rating D

Offers around £78,000

PENKRIDGE
LITTLE MARSH PARK

- Two bedroom park home
- Requires updating
- Superb park location
- Popular Penkridge park site
- Lounge, fitted kitchen
- Two bedrooms, shower room
- Garden area, communal parking
- No onward chain

Offers around £75,000

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- 2 Bathrooms
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- Garden
- Parking

£355,000

Sainte foy Avenue, Lichfield

- End Town House
- 4 Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

£250,000

Hazel Drive, Armitage

- Fabulous Private Position
- Detached Home , Great Size
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Ensuite
- FamilyBathroom
- Garden, lots of parking
- Garage

£214,995

Grouse Way, Heath Hayes

- NO CHAIN
- Wonderful House Prestigious Area
- 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached Home
- Living Room & Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Cloaks
- Fitted Kitchen
- En-suite

£190,000

Severn Close, Willenhall

- Lovely Bungalow
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front Garden and Rear Garden
- Parking
- Set in a cul de sac location
- Sought after Area

£179,950

Richardson Way, Rugeley

- NO CHAIN-Superb Property
- End 3 Storey Town Home
- 3 Good Size Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Conservatory
- Cloak
- Large Ensuite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage - NO CHAIN

£159,995

Banbury Road, Cannock

- Great Size Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Utility, Solar Panels
- Family Bathroom
- Nice Rear Garden
- Very large front drive
- Popular area

£145,000

Eaton Drive, Rugeley

- Lovely Modern Terrace Home
- 2 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room/Diner
- Fitted Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Private Rear Garden
- Parking

£120,950

Pillaton, Penkridge

- Idyllic Barn
- 5 Bedrooms
- Sitting Room
- Dining Area
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Aga
- Utility & Cloaks
- 3 Bathrooms
- Gardens
- Tandem Garage

£1,495 pcm

Two Oaks Avenue, Burntwood

- Fabulous size house
- 5 Bedrooms
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility Room
- Cloaks
- Master with En-suite
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage.

£1,195 pcm

Salisbury Drive, Heath Hayes

- Lovely Detached
- 4 Bedrooms
- Master En-Suite
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Utility/Cloaks
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Garage

£850 pcm

Jackman Road, Fradley

- Beautifully Refurbished
- Detached 3 Bed Bungalow
- Living Room
- Dining room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Fabulous rear garden.
- Parking

£695 pcm

Kings Road, Calf Heath

- Beautifully Refurbished
- 3 Bed Bungalow
- Lovely Area
- Living Room/Diner
- Kitchen
- Utility
- Family Bathroom
- Oil Central Heating
- Nice Garden and parking

£695 pcm

Mavesyn Close, Hill Ridware

- Lovely Bungalow
- Lovely Area
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Living/Dining Room
- Doors out to the Garden
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Delightful garden
- Double Glazed
- Gas central heating.

£650 pcm

Pye Green Road, Cannock

- Refurbished Semi
- 3 Good Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Cloaks
- Bathroom with Shower
- Garden and Garage

£625 pcm

Tunnicliffe Drive, Rugeley

- Semi Detached
- Good Size
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Conservatory
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Garden
- Parking.

£595 pcm

Daywell Rise, Rugeley

- Semi Detached
- 3 Bedrooms
- Living Room
- Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- With Shower
- Garden
- Garage

£525 pcm

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LUPIN DRIVE

- Three bedroom Semi detached
- Modern five years old
- Gas central heating, Double Glazing
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Guest Cloakroom
- Driveway, rear garden
- Viewing Recommended
- EPC rating B

£172,000

CANNOCK
WOOTTONS COURT

- A two bedroom apartment
- Double glazed, Electric heating
- Refitted kitchen
- Bathroom
- Lounge
- Ideal for first time buy
- Ideal Investment
- Awaiting EPC rating

£94,950

CHESLYN HAY
STATION STREET

- A spacious traditional three bedroom
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen, family bathroom
- Good sized garden
- Off road parking
- Village location
- Viewing highly recommended
- Awaiting EPC rating

£179,950

WILLENHALL
SQUIRES GROVE

- A modern two bedroom apartment
- Double glazing and electric heating
- Lounge, kitchen
- Master bedroom with ensuite
- Bathroom
- Ideal location
- Ideal first time buy
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- Kitchen, bathroom
- Two good sized bedrooms
- Good sized garden to rear
- Enclosed parking
- EPC rating D

£124,995

HEDNESFORD
STAGBOROUGH WAY

- A well presented three bedroom semi
- Gas central heating and double glazing
- Lounge, refitted kitchen/diner
- Dining room
- Three bedrooms
- Refitted family bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden
- Garage
- Awaiting EPC rating

£155,000

HEDNESFORD
MCGHIE STREET

- Three bedroom semi detached
- Two reception rooms
- Re-fitted kitchen
- Downstairs wet room
- Gas central heating & double glazing
- Close to town centre
- NO UPWARD CHAIN
- EPC rating B

£99,950

CANNOCK
Laburnum Avenue

- ExtendendThree Bedroom semi detached
- Lounge/diner
- Modern fitted kitchen
- Modern fitted bathroom
- Garage/Driveway
- Enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating
- Awaiting EPC
- NO CHAIN

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- CONSERVATORY
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Leahall Lane, Brereton,

- DETACHED FAMILY HOME
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- KITCHEN/DINER

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- LOUNGE
- CONSERVATORY

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- KITCHEN
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- Two bedrooms
- lounge
- kitchen
- bathroom
- conservatory

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- LOUNGE
- KITCHEN
- BATHROOM
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- OFF ROAD PARKING

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The Laurels, Rugeley,A two bed-

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- KITCHEN
- SHOWER ROOM
- RECEPTION ROOM
- COMMUNAL GARDEN
- COMMUNAL PARKING

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Watson Close, Rugeley,Goodchilds

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- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Family bathroom
- Semi detached
- Allocated parking

Offers in the Region Of £112,500

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- Extended and Improved
- Four Bedrooms,
- Standing On Corner Plot
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- EPC - Tbc Viewing Essential

£220,000

Heath Street, Hednesford

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- Two Bedrooms
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- Landscaped Garden
- Cul-de-sac Location
- Very Well Presented

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Littleworth Road, Hednesford

- Detached Family Residence
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Drive, Garage & Gardens
- Private Aspect
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Advised

£165,000

Gloucester Way, Heath Hayes

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- Large Lounge
- Conservatory
- Detached Garage

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- Two Bedrooms
- No Chain Involved
- Garage, Landscaped Garden

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Sharon Way, Hednesford

- Semi-Detached Family Home
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Drive, Garage & Gardens
- No Chain
- EPC - Tbc Viewing Advised

£140,000

Wordsworth Close, Cannock

- Two Bedroom Bungalow
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Gas Central Heating
- Enclosed Rear Garden
- No Upward Chain

£135,000

Butts Way, Norton Canes

- Semi Detached Home
- Popular Location
- Impressive Accommodation
- Three Bedrooms
- Attractive Gardens & Garage
- EPC - D. No Chain

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- Double bedroom, Bathroom
- Gas central heating
- Double glazing
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- Ground floor apartment
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Raises stakes still further

By John Griffiths

It has a lot of names and definitions, but there's no denying that the crossover, or compact SUV type of car is taking the market by storm – nearly every manufacturer now has an entry in this highly competitive sector.

Yet it's interesting to note that one of the first was the Sportage, from the then bit player Kia: a smaller, cheap and cheerful alternative to the traditional 4x4s of its day.

With its chief rival then the Suzuki Vitara – it now has many more – the well-conceived Sportage has put the Korean car maker on the map in Europe. The company sold a record 78,000 cars in this country last year, and a quarter of those were Sportages – not an achievement to be sneezed at when buyers now have more alternatives than you can shake a stick at.

This month the fourth generation Sportage hit Britain's showrooms. Its rather curvy styling has evolved, it has a choice of three more efficient engines, more in-car and safety technology more refinement and a new marketing philosphy – all aimed at achieving Kia's rather modest ambition to break the 80,000 sales barrier this year.

Prices start at a competitive £17,995 for the entry level model rising to £31,645 for the new flagship model named, perhaps a little oddly, the First Edition. This gets the new and most powerful engine, a 2.0 litre, 182bhp turbo diesel, six-speed automatic transmission and a unique luxury specification including features such as a power-operated tailgate.

A £30,000 plus price tag for a Sportage? That might surprise those only familiar with the early, rather basic (but still surprisingly capable) 1.3 litre petrol versions But this is a very different vehicle and it seems Kia is dipping its toe in the water following its experience with the larger Sorento, where the £40,000 flagship is actually the UK's biggest selling version.

The new Sportage, like the third generation car, is an evolution of the softer, slightly sporty profile of a modern crossover rather than the chunky 4x4 styling of its ancestor in keeping with customer tastes and the competition. On a practical level, it also reduces drag and wind noise. It's also larger which means significantly more room in the cabin, particularly for rear seat passengers.

It is made using a much higher percentage of high strength steel, improving safety while also improving handling and reducing noise and vibration.

Options

There are three engine options – all of which use less fuel and produce less CO2 than their predecessors – and the option of two and four wheel drive options.

Even the latter operate in front wheel drive mode for most of the time, thus reducing fuel consumption. But when things get slippery up to 40 per cent of the power is automatically transferred to the rear wheels, and there's a 'lock' button to manually hold this configuration if you venture off-road, or in the snow.

Four wheel drive versions have a new 'advanced traction cornering control', which monitors speed, steering angle and throttle input, and distributes power between the left and right wheels to maximise stability. This is in addition to now standard systems such as stability control.

For those who venture off-road, there's a hill descent system which automatic keeps speed down to 5mph in slippery conditions.

The new Sportage is a nice car to drive. All

three engines are quiet and refined, road and wind noise levels are low and a new steering and suspension set-up make it feel light and responsive. Tackling some tight and twisty back roads on the test routes, it felt as easy and positive to drive as a typical family hatchback, something which cannot be said of some of its rivals.

The most popular engine by far in the previous generation Sportage was the 1.7 litre turbo diesel and I suspect that will continue to be the case, especially since it has been re-engineered for significantly better fuel consumption and lower emissions.

The new kid on the block is a 1.6 litre turbocharged petrol unit. It may well be a popular option with the new Sportage's GT-Line sportily-themed trim level but with economy figures of 37.2mpg and 177g/km of CO2 it's likely to lose out to the diesel alternatives for the more economy minded.

As well as its improved driveability and refinement, a hallmark of the new Sportage is the amount of new technology and equipment.

All except base models have a centre console with seven or eight inch touchscreen display and control centre, including driver information, audio and connectivity systems and navigation.

Further up the range, features such as speed limit information, lane keep assist, high beam assist, autonomous emergency braking, blind spot detection and rear-cross traffic warning are available. All models have alloy wheels, LED daytime running lights, cornerng lights, electric windows and mirrors, trailer stability control, hill start assist, air conditioning and an audio and Bluetooth system with voice control.

The Sportage is Kia's best-seller in Britain, and from relative humble beginnings as a cheap alternative to the traditionally larger, more powerful and expensive 4x4s of the day it has grown and matured. It is somewhat ironic that it played a major part in inspiring today's rapidly-growing crossover sector and by doing so has created more competitiion for itself.

But in the past six years the Sportage has proved itself up to the challenge by remaining Kia's best-seller, and the fourth generation, 2016 model has raised the stakes still further.

It is roomier, more capable with a new range of more efficient engines and equipped with some of the latest technology. Given the Sportage's track record – to say nothing of Kia's impressive seven-year warranty package – it's certain to continue giving rivals a run for their money.

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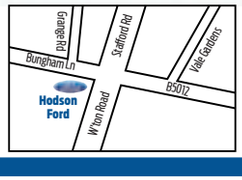

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Clubman's grown up but is still fun to drive

By Ian Donaldson

MOST descriptions of a new car start at the front and work rearward – this time we'll begin at the back.

Where, on this all-new MINI Clubman you'll find the same split rear doors of the outgoing model, designed to evoke Minis from an earlier age and leave a permanent block in the rear view mirror.

Then open those doors, discovering that pressurised struts help lighten the task and revealing a boot space that is very un-Mini indeed.

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Move a little more forward still and you'll be sitting in a rear seat that's both comfy and comes with the sort of legroom you most decidedly don't associate with anything with Mini in its name.

That's thanks to putting more distance between front and rear wheels than before, and more than you'll find in a four-door MINI Hatch. There is now enough room in the rear for a couple of tall men – and you'd never have dared say that before.

And now to the biggest change in this new Clubman – it's actually got four doors. Not three, like the edition before, which made do with a silly single rear door – and that on the 'wrong' side of the car for UK buyers, disgorging rear seat occupants into the road.

Profile

Now, step back and take a long at this newcomer in profile, where you find a car that's still very much a Mini but stretched like a piece of pasta until it is a mere hands-span shorter than, say, a Focus. And that is certainly not a small car.

You might think the stretch has added a gawky touch to the car as the price it has to pay for growing up. A turn at the wheel will discover if that's a deal worth the making.

From the driver's seat the sense of pure Mini-ness returns as you face a dashboard, complete with plate sized central dial that once held the speedo but these days acts as somewhere to put the sat nav, which comes as standard on every new Clubman.

It's a fine system and the built-in cost to the car's maker shows how it intends this version to head upmarket in this country, to the extent that we are not offered the less expensive versions available elsewhere.

Here, the Clubman range starts at £19,995 and tops out (for the moment) at a very un-mini like £27,410. And that is before you start to pile on the options.

Attractions

Most buyers add a £3,865 Chili pack, with heated front seats, bigger alloys, rear spoiler and aero kit and sports steering wheel among its attractions.

Go crazy with the box ticking (some do) and you can end up with something like the test car, whose options list groaned under the weight of add-ons to the tune of £10,480 worth of extras.

Not mini at all.

For the moment there is a choice of two petrol and two diesel engines with more powerful versions sure to come as the range settles down.

Big car options have trickled down to the extent you can order your Clubman with an eight speed automatic gearbox – and a fine thing it is too.

The test car's potent petrol motor provides plenty of pep, accompanied by the sort of refined roar that makes you smile.

So does the way the car tackles a typically pockmarked British road surface, banishing thoughts of old Minis hopping from bump to bump (even as the driver laughed at the sheer fun of it all).

There is still fun to be had with this new Clubman, even if it's a bit more grown up than before.

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Stylish and versatile – new Volvo V90 estate

The eagerly awaited Volvo V90 has been revealed in Stockholm, Sweden. The stylish and versatile V90 is the latest in the premium car maker's top-of-the-line 90 series, sitting alongside the award-winning XC90 SUV and the recently launched S90 premium saloon.

Building on Volvo Cars' indisputable heritage in the estate segment, which began more than 60 years ago with the Volvo Duett, the new V90 takes the premium estate a clear step forward in terms of aesthetics, materials and finish, while living up to the ultimately practical nature of any true estate.

"We have a very strong position in the estate segment," said Håkan Samuelsson, president and chief executive of Volvo Cars. "In many people's minds we are known as the definitive estate brand.

"While the Volvo brand today stands for more than estates, we are proud to carry forward this rich heritage with the V90."

The new V90 is the third car unveiled in Volvo's top-of-the-line 90 series, all of which are built on the company's specially designed and fully modular Scalable Product Architecture (SPA), which has opened up a range of new opportunities in terms of how Volvos can be designed, built and equipped.

Functional

"The modern premium estate is all about the intriguing combination of a luxurious experience with the functional origins of the estate silhouette. The sophisticated ambience of our new Volvo interiors is combined with a great cargo space, providing the right kind of functionality – whether through connectivity or cargo and storage solutions," said Thomas Ingenlath, senior vice president for design at Volvo Cars.

The new V90 delivers cutting-edge pilot assist semi-autonomous drive technology, the most advanced standard safety package on the market, including large animal detection and run-off road mitigation, and class-leading connectivity, including smartphone integration with Apple CarPlay.

Volvo Cars has also worked tirelessly on driving dynamics in the new model, to deliver a totally new and refined driving experience characterised by a sense of engaging control and predictability.

"We have a very strong offer in the V90. Our PowerPulse technology is designed to deliver a distinct performance boost to our diesel engine, while the T8 Twin Engine petrol plug-in hybrid will deliver around 410 hp and a pure electric range of around 31 miles," said Dr Peter Mertens, senior sice president of research and development at Volvo Cars.

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Phantom is last word in ultimate car luxury

By Matt Joy

If you're going to dream, you should dream big. The first and last word in luxury has always been Rolls Royce and while they have an increasingly broad range of luxury cars, it is the range-crowning Phantom that's the ultimate luxury car.

And what better way to enjoy this luxury than in the Phantom Drophead Coupe? Don't let the Coupe tag fool you; Drophead in Rolls Royce speak means convertible, so it is a very different proposition from the Phantom saloon. This is a super-luxury car you drive yourself rather than letting James have all the fun.

Whatever colour you choose for your Phantom Drophead, you're going to get noticed. It's over 5.6 metres in length – that's 18 feet 4 inches in old money –making it the longest car on sale in the UK that isn't another Rolls Royce.

It might sound hard to believe, but there is a grace to it despite its size. Its proportions and curves recall those of an elegant yacht, which isn't entirely accidental, and the detailing is inspired by such things; the teak rear decking could come straight from a Riva speedboat.

Gliding

You might think something as potentially ostentatious as this could have a somewhat negative image, but the truth is far from it.

During a weekend of gliding elegantly about the country it received nothing but keen interest, open-mouthed staring and endlessly enthusiastic enquiries. People love this car because it's like nothing else on earth.

It might be 5.6 meters in length, but you can't use all of that for stuff or people, not with a 6.75-litre V12 engine up front.

However, don't go thinking that the Phantom Drophead isn't spacious. Sitting up front is exactly like a luxurious drawing room, with a different design of seat (made to deal with the occasional rain shower).

You sit high up with an imposing view of the road ahead. The back seats are a little smaller but still spacious and comfortable, while the boot is a modest 315 litres. But let's face it, your pile in the south of France will have a wardrobe of your clothes anyway.

It's easy to be cynical about a car of this size and expense and dismiss it as mere transport, but just five minutes behind the wheel is all it takes to realise the Phantom Drophead offers a completely different experience altogether.

The engine starts without a murmur and it's only the needles flickering into life that indicates the silken V12 is running.

Shift the delicate gearlever into D and as you release the brake the Phantom rolls forward, as if you're releasing momentum rather than merely accelerating.

Shielding

As you build speed the sensation continues, while the suspension makes road imperfections disappear. Everything about the Phantom is geared to shielding you from the petty faults of the world and transporting you to your destination as unflustered as possible.

The other magic trick that the Phantom Drophead performs is to dissuade and discourage you from being hurried or stressed.

Sure, you can hustle this 2.6 tonne beast if you like, but without even knowing it you find your arms sitting comfortably on the leathered rests, your hands slip down to the bottom third of the wheel and suddenly life isn't quite so demanding.

On paper it's not the easiest task to justify a list price of £358,488 before options, but let's remember who this car is aimed at; the lucky few who own several cars, probably several houses and possibly other modes of transport.

What your third of a million buys you is an experience beyond compare. The craft and quality is exceptional, the driving experience is incomparable and the way it makes you and your passengers feel simply isn't available elsewhere. Qualities like these don't come cheap.

Even so, this is clearly not a car for every person and every budget. If you're fortunate enough to be in the position to drop nearly £400k on a car, then you probably don't need or want my input.

But it's worth remembering that, despite German ownership, Rolls Royce has its heart and soul in the UK and several thousand talented employees based in

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Mazda RX-Vision named most beautiful concept

The Mazda RX-VISION has been awarded "Most Beautiful Concept Car of the Year" at the 31st Festival Automobile International. First revealed at last year's Tokyo Motor Show, Mazda's striking rotary-powered sports car concept wowed crowds at its global debut with its exquisitely proportioned dimensions and stunning lines.

Representing a 'vision' of the future that could only come from Mazda, RX-VISION expresses Mazda's determination to continue delivering convention-defying technology, that exemplifies Mazda's challenger spirit.

A truly striking rendition of its KODO: Soul of Motion design philosophy, the smooth-flowing proportions scream performance while paying tribute to Mazda's rich heritage of front engine, rear-wheel drive sports cars. Indeed, the rotary powertrain's compactness makes characteristics like the low bonnet possible.

Nominated alongside the Bentley Exp10 Speed 6, Peugeot Fractal and Porsche Mission E at this year's Festival Automobile International, it was the Mazda RX-VISION that was named "Most Beautiful Concept Car of the Year". Mazda's international design chief, Ikuo Maeda accepted the award Tuesday evening together with Kevin Rice, Mazda's European design director, Julien Montousse, his counterpart at Mazda North America, and Mazda designer Norihito Iwao.

This latest recognition is another honour for Mazda's global design division, which took home three prizes in September at the Automotive Brand Contest 2015 including the prestigious "Team of the Year" award.

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ASHTON

Peter

Of Norton Canes.

Passed away peacefully at his home with his Family at his side after a long illness on February 19, 2016, aged 72 years.

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Funeral Service at Christ Church Burntwood 1.30pm Tuesday, March 1, 2016 followed by Committal at Lichfield and District Crematorium.

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Tony and Richard were at her side.

Sister, Auntie, Cousin, Neighbour, Villager and Friend "Non" will be missed by All who knew her.

Funeral Service will take place on Thursday, March 3, at 2pm, at St. Marks Church Gt. Wyrley.

Followed by committal at Bushbury Crematorium at 3.15pm.

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Service will be held at Stafford Crematorium on Monday, March 7, at 12 noon.

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(Of Chadsmoor)

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Reunited with Wife Dorothy. Sadly missed by Sons Robert, Terry and Tim, Daughter-in-law Lorraine and Grandaughter Rachel.

The Funeral Service is to be held on Monday, February 29, at 11am, at Stafford Crematorium.

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Jonathan Michael

Of Cannock.

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Beloved Son of Michael and reunited with his Mom Julia and the loving Brother of Caroline.

Devoted Fiance of Sarah, also a dear Grandson, Uncle, Nephew and Friend.

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From Grandad, Stephen, Jayne, Mark, Nick, Nicola, Steph, Bethany and Harvey.

RICHARDSON

Miriam Mary

Passed away peacefully on Monday, February 15, 2016, aged 87 years.

Miriam was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of her Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Monday, February 29, 2016, at St Marks Church, Great Wyrley, at 12.30pm, followed by a Burial at Great Wyrley Cemetery.

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Your loving Daughter

Linda.

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Reunited with my beloved Father Howard.

You did so many things for me, you taught me right from wrong, memories I will cherish forever.

Will miss you Mom.

Rest in Peace.

Your Loving Daughter

Margaret and Son-in-law Mark.

WOOLLEY

Joseph

Sadly passed away on Sunday, February 7, 2016, aged 89 years.

Joseph was much loved and will be missed dearly by all of his Family and Friends.

The Funeral Service will take place on Friday, March 4, 2016, at Stafford Crematorium, at 11am.

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SARGEANT

Mary

Nee Benten.

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Your loving Husband Ray and Family.

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acknowledgements

EMERY

Gary

Sue, Tom and Dan would like to thank Family and Friends for their love and support, and all the cards and flowers received.

Special thanks to everyone who attended the Services at St. Peter's Church and Stafford Crematorium.

Rev. Paul Kelly for the Service, Carabou for the flowers and Anthony and Staff at Maguire Funeral Directors.

Donations will be made in memory of Gary to St. Giles Hospice £1000 and County Hospital Chemotherapy Unit £500.

JONES

Pamela Anette

Of Cheslyn Hay.

The Family would like to thank everyone for their support and messages of sympathy on their sad loss.

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A big thank you to The Conifers Nursing Home for looking after Mom in her last few weeks.

Donations will be made to The British Heart Foundation.

WRIGHT

Irene

David, Margaret and the Family would like to thank Friends and Family for all the kind messages of sympathy and donations in Irene's memory.

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THORNLEY

Clara

Margaret, Linda and Mark wish to thank all Relatives, Friends and Neighbours for kind expressions of sympathy, cards and prayers in the loss of their dear Mother.

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**ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 (AS AMENDED)
ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**
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The Order will come into operation on 14th March 2016, and the said works will commence on or as near as practicable to that date. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 8th April 2016.

The Order will remain in force for a period of 18 months or until the gas main replacement works, which it is proposed to carry out on or near the road, have been completed, whichever is the earlier.

**John Tradewell, Director for Strategy, Governance and Change
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Date: 25th February 2016

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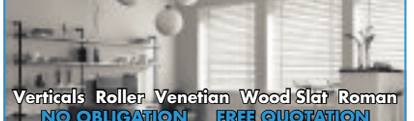

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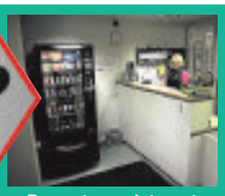

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Grahm Hodson, left, and Mike Ball are calling time on their long partnership

Kick off – Mike Ball, back right, at Under 14s clash on the league's first weekend with MP Dennis Turner, players and officials

Ready for final whistle – unsung heroes in a league of their own

MIDLANDS football has thrown up some great double acts down the years.

Dougan and Richards, Bull and Mutch, Roberston and Wile, Shaw and Withe have all grabbed the headlines for their deeds in the colours of Wolves, Albion and Villa.

And further down the footballing pyramid, there is a partnership that has helped bring the beautiful game to thousands of Black Country youngsters. Hodson and Ball may not be household names but they have blazed a successful trail at grassroots level.

Chairman Graham Hodson and vice-chairman Mike Ball are the men who brought the Bilston Youth Partnership League onto the local football landscape and few people can argue that it's not been a huge success.

Confident

But all good things must come to an end and the duo are set to hang their boots up at the end of the current season.

The league will go on, and both are confident it will continue to prosper under fresh new leadership.

Hodson and Ball first muted the idea of creating a league for Wolverhampton and the surrounding area early in 1997.

A few scrapes with Stourbridge League officials provided the straight-talking Hodson with the motivation to get things moving with Ball a willing partner.

"We used to run Springvale in Stourbridge League and we had a few run-ins with the league and didn't like some of the things they did," recalls 58-year-old Hodson.

"I thought we could do better, so we started our own league.

"It took about 18 months preparation to get it up and running and it was 1998 when we actually kicked off. And looking back, I don't think we have done too badly."

SPORTING MEMORIES

By Nick Elwell

"I thought we could do better, so we started our own league. Looking back, I don't think we have done too badly."

Before the Bilston Partnership Youth Football League came into existence, Wolverhampton last boasted a junior league way back in 1980, when the Wolverhampton Youth Service League folded due to a lack of numbers.

Various attempts had been made to create a league but one by one they all fell by the wayside. Hodson and Ball were determined that wouldn't be the case.

"There was a lot of interest or perhaps that should be more curiosity rather than interest," continued Hodson.

"We had a meeting with the county FA and Earl Laird who was at Bilston College at the time – that was where the partnership came in.

"They were very supportive and once we got the structure we started advertising in the media.

"We called a meeting at the Springvale club and I think we had about 300 teams turn up. Everyone wanted to know how we were going to operate and what we would do differently.

"Out of those 300 teams that came to that meeting we had 67 teams sign up for the first season.

"But everyone one of those 67 teams wanted the league to work,which was great for us." And while the duo felt the other leagues around the area were waiting for the concept to fall flat on its face, the Bilston League started to grow.

"Our bigger focus compared to the Stourbridge and Walsall leagues was about one man clubs, small teams," said 62-year-old former accountant Ball.

"Our focus was about being approachable and running it like a club rather than a league. We still try to do it that way.

"We had to do a business plan and the aim was that in five years we would have three divisions of 10 at each age group. And we near enough got there.

"We probably peaked 8-10 years in. We had around 250 teams then and it actually reached the point where we were saying it's got too big for us now."

Determination

One of the league's biggest selling points was the determination to appoint a referee for every single game. And it's an achievement that they are rightly proud off.

"We promised to put a ref on every game and we still do that, we have maintained that," said Hodson. "That has been one of our biggest successes.

Discipline has always been high on the agenda and the league has endured a fallouts along the way as a result.

"We have always been strong with discipline," added Ball.

"We have had a few fallouts because we have taken a stance and done things differently, but we have always done what we think was right."

Another success story are the numerous Charity Cup finals the league stages each season with the focus on giving all players the chance to lift some silverware.

"We have about 60-70 finals a year which sounds a stupid number," admits Hodson.

"But if you went to those finals you would see teams having the time of their life, teams who would never get to a final in another league."

Ball takes up the thread, adding: "We group teams of a similar standard together for the various cups, it makes success accessible to all teams."

Off the pitch, the league can be especially proud of its fundraising down the years.

"We select nominated charities every year and we have donated about £35,000 in the last 18 years," said Hodson.

"We have refs' charity matches where they play the managers and myself and a local referee, Noel Perry, did a series of bike rides to raise funds.

"The first one was down to Wembley and on another occasion we cycled to the Millennium Stadium.

"We have also been to Norwich, Ipswich and Southampton. The last one took in Wrexham, Liverpool, Everton, Bolton, Wigan, the two Manchester clubs, Stockport, Chester, Stoke and back home.

"It was knackering! I'm glad I won't be doing that again."

But now as Hodson puts the bike clips away, the duo are happy to step down and reflect on a job well done.

"Over the last couple of years we talked about it and it feels like we need someone new with new ideas and a new direction," said Ball.

"We are confident the league will continue to prosper and go from strength to strength."

Hodson agrees and is quick to quell rumours surrounding the league's future.

"We are getting older and less tolerant and attitudes have changed," said Hodson.

"I think there is less honesty in the game, even at this level. Maybe we are a bit 'dinosaurish' as well.

"We have got a great committee and there are people willing to take on our roles.

"There were rumours that the league was going to fold but that's simply not the case. That won't happen."

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Sport

Leagues apart – unsung heroes get ready for the final whistle

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No easy win as visitors fight all way

Cannock 39 Cleobury Mortimer 12

CANNOCK entertained Cleobury Mortimer on Saturday looking to seek redemption for what was a heavy defeat earlier in the season.

Scott Pedley put the Lions into the corner from a penalty and captain John Freeman reaped the rewards after a catch and drive line-out to make it 5-0.

Soon after, Jord Pincombe raced to finish what was a fine team try to double his team's lead. Cannock continued to press and played some good rugby. The next score was from a pushover try which freeman again dotted down.

However, the home side were guilty of stepping off the gas at the start of the second half, and Cleobury closed the gap to 10 points with a well-worked try.

Cannock forced their way back into the game, and the next points came from a penalty try when the visitors pulled down a rolling maul, only stopping the inevitable.

Cleobury then scored again after a breakaway: 22-12. Immediately after the restart, Freeman found himself one on one with the full back, chipped over, and raced past the chasers to dot down and make it 27-12.

After good link-up play, Ley smashed over the line for the next score. Man of the match Gunter aimed straight for the full back and took him over the line to score the last try of the game.

In other games a combined second and third team took on a strong Telford 3rds coming out on top 42-19.

On Sunday the junior section entertained their more established senior rivals when Willenhall came to the Morgan Ground. It was honours even as the under-14s went down gallantly 41-0. The under-12s' first game was all square at 2-2 but in the second were resounding winners with a five tries to two scoreline.

Defeat piles on pressure for the last five fixtures

Burntwood 8 Eccleshall 20

THIS defeat, combined with a set of unfavourable results elsewhere, saw Burntwood slip from seventh to ninth in the table with five games left.

They were their own worst enemies, particularly in the second half, as they conceded a string of penalties.

With the wind and rain in their favour in the first half, Eccleshall dominated territory and the game remained scoreless until the 35th minute when Burntwood, facing a scrum, lost their own put-in five metres out and Iain West stretched over to open the scoring with a try which was converted.

With half-time imminent, sloppy defence 25 metres out allowed Eccleshall in for their second try to leave Burntwood with a 12-point deficit at the turnaround.

After the interval, Burntwood winger Rob Jones scored a try in the clubhouse corner, and then Dunet landed a penalty goal after 56 minutes. Eccleshall worked their way into home territory and finished with a successful shot at goal to make it 8-15 before sealing the win with a try in the last minute of normal time.

Davies free-kick enough to earn victory

Chasetown held out for a narrow victory at Goole

Goole AFC 0 Chasetown 1

A JED DAVIES free-kick on the stroke of half-time fired Chasetown to an Evo-Stick Division One South victory at Goole AFC.

After a draw between these sides seven days earlier, the opening minutes were tight. The first chance fell to Davies who cut in from the left and drilled his effort just wide. Chasetown had a penalty appeal turned down when Stan Mugisha prodded the ball beyond goalkeeper Dan Waring, who appeared to hold back the Scholars No 9.

Just before the break, Simon Brown's shot was palmed onto the bar by Waring and in stoppage time Davies's free-kick from 20 yards beat the keeper, flicking off his right-hand post. Chasetown were a whisker away from a second goal as Davies's cross was headed an inch wide by Paul Sullivan after the restart. Sullivan then forced Waring into a great save before the visitors hit the woodwork again as Davies's corner deceived everyone and clipped the top of the bar.

Central defender Chris Slater made his 396th league appearance, drawing level with Andy Cox's all-time league record and is now just two games from equalling Cox's all-time total of 535.

PITMEN LEARN HOME TRUTHS

Hednesford 1 Chorley 3

HEDNESFORD failed to make home advantage pay as Chorley picked up their first ever victory at Keys Park.

Pitmen boss Frank Sinclair was forced into one change from the line-up that began the last game, with Shelton Payne being unavailable and Paul Ennis coming into the side to replace him.

It was a lively opening to the National League North game with Chorley's Andy Teague seeing a header blocked by Kennedy Digie in the first minute, while Paul Ennis saw his snapshot fail to trouble goalkeeper Sam Ashton.

Although the visitors were forced into an early change they soon threatened again in the 15th minute when Teague forced Town goalkeeper Dan Crane into a smart save. A half-chance came and went in the 19th minute for Hednesford when Jack Truelove picked out Adam Thomas at the back post, but he headed over the bar.

Chance

Eight minutes later the best chance of the half for the Pitmen arrived when a flick-on by Danny Glover found the winger, but his first-time effort was brilliantly blocked by Paul Jarvis as it arrowed towards goal.

It was the visitors who struck first after 31 minutes when Jordan Connerton broke through the Pitmen backline and fired past Crane.

As the home side looked to compose themselves they almost fell further behind when, first, Darren Stephenson saw a goalbound effort headed away by George Cleet before Teague headed narrowly wide of the post in the 34th minute.

Chorley had one final chance in the first half with Jack Lynch whistling an effort wide of the upright two minutes before the break.

Pitmen boss Frank Sinclair introduced striker Tom Peers at the break and it was the Chester loanee who almost dragged Town level after 57 minutes when he met Truelove's cross but could only steer his header straight at Ashton.

But 60 seconds later the Pitmen equalised when the ball fell to Thomas just inside the box and he finished low into the corner for his eighth goal of the season. The sides would only be level for six minutes. After breaking from a Hednesford corner, Thomas was clearly shoved off the ball but the officials failed to spot the infringement with Paul Jarvis whipping in a cross which was chested home by Dale Witham.

No way back – Hednesford were level for just six minutes before Chorley struck again

Glover saw a chance come and go in the 70th minute as he just couldn't stretch enough to head home before Chorley extended their lead a minute later. A long goal-kick picked out Connerton and he made no mistake from the edge of the box.

Hednesford almost reduced the deficit in the 74th minute when, after Sean Williams' free-kick was cleared away, Peers was played in and although he rounded Ashton the ball was cleared off the line by Teague. With that ended the home side's chance of finding a way back into the game and they now head to Lowestoft Town tomorrow for a relegation six-pointer.

Hednesford Town: Crane, Fitzwater, Truelove, Bailey, Digie, Cleet, Thomas (Trainer 77), Thorley (Peers 46), Glover, Williams, Ennis (Obeng 66). Subs not used: Ransome, Regan.

Chorley: Ashton, Ross, Beesley (Jarvis 10), Teague, Charnock, Roscoe, Lynch (Dorney 68), Whitham, Connerton (Dean 87), Stephenson, Cottrell. Subs not used: Bailey, Field.

Attendance: 404.

Another win but injuries mounting

Cannock Utd 1 Penkridge 3

INJURY-HIT Penkridge made it six wins from six in the league against second-placed opposition – despite missing eight regular first-team players.

In-form Penk won thanks to goals from Tom Pickford, Jack Dixon and James Mallaband in this local derby. Still missing 37-goal top-scorer Jack Lees, Penk were also without 26-goal Frankie Wynn, while Ross Smith, Jamie Dillon and Ash Turton were all missing from last week's semi-final victory.

As both teams struggled with the heavy pitch, it was a game of few chances but Penkridge were having more possession and almost scored when Tom Ranford drove a ball across the box. Richie Miller couldn't quite steer the ball home.

Just past the half-hour mark, Penkridge skipper Alex Dodd was on the end of a heavy tackle but after lengthy treatment he was able to continue.

Then on 37 minutes more calamitous defending by the home side saw Penkridge take the lead. After good work by Miller on the right, Pickford was able to head home from five yards out.

Still feeling the effects of the heavy challenge in the first half, skipper Dodd lasted five second-half minutes before being replaced by Stu Ruthven.

Penkridge extended their lead on 63 minutes. A Pickford corner was headed down by Al Beckett to be met by Jack Dixon who smashed his half-volley past the keeper. Cannock grabbed a lifeline when Hayden Nash netted after a short scramble. The two-goal cushion was restored when Ross Smith galloped clear to set up James Mallaband to finish.

Penkridge will try to patch up the walking wounded as they travel to Abbey Hulton United from the SCSL Premier Division in this weekend's Leek Cup quarter-final.

Vase switch proves too much for Hayes

Wolves Sporting 3 Heath Hayes 2

THIS Staffs Vase quarter-final was always going to be a tough one with the FA switching the game to Sporting, who had gone 12 home games unbeaten.

Sporting took the lead when a corner driven in by Franco was allowed to pass through the goalmouth and Westwood tapped home.

Hayes were more determined in the second half only to go further behind through a Westwood penalty. Hayes had two penalty claims waved away before a second Sporting spot-kick was converted by Westwood. Goals from Dunkley and Maddox were too late for Hayes.

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